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ESSEX COUNTY CORPS CONVENTION

Essex County Corps Entertained by Locals at a Convention Held Wednesday. National and State Department Officers Present.

Gen. William F. Bartlett Relief Corps No. 127 were the hosts Wednesday, and entertained the Relief Corps of Essex County at an all day convention held in Odd Fellows hall. The attendance was very large and delegates were present from the Women's Relief Corps of Lawrence, Haverhill, Amesbury, Danvers, Marblehead, Merrimac, Newburyport, Lynn, Beverly, Beverly Farms, Salem, Ipswich, Saugus, Peabody, Gloucester, Groveland, Essex, Manchester, Swampscott and Rockport. There were also representatives present from the associations of Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex and Worcester counties.

The convention was also honored by the presence of National and State department officers both past and present, among them being Mrs. Nellie Libbey of Lynn, national senior aid and past department president; Mrs. Florence Haynes of Salem, past national inspector and past department president; Mrs. Flora Chapin of Worcester, department junior vice-president; Mrs. Agnes Parker of Boston, chairman of the department executive board of Massachusetts.

The visiting delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Frank S. Valentine, president of the local corps and the morning session convened at 10.15. Mrs. Rebecca Pickett

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

TONIGHT

8.00 p.m. Grange Hall—Costume Party.
8.00 p.m. South Church—Men's Club. E. Wright Impersonator.
8.00 p.m. Peabody House. Dr. Thayer on John Hay.

SUNDAY

7.45 p.m. Town Hall. St. Patrick's Observance by St. Augustine's Church.

MONDAY—

6.30 p.m. South Church Vestry. King's Daughters' Banquet.

TUESDAY

8.00 p.m. Andover Club. Minstrel Show Tickets Exchanged.

WEDNESDAY

4.45 p.m. Academy Chapel. Violin Recital by Ernst Schmidt of Boston Symphony Orchestra.
7.45 p.m. Guild House. Play, "A Case of Suspicion."
800 p.m. Garfield Hall. Roll call and Banquet, K. of P.

THURSDAY

3.00 p.m. Davis Hall. Lecture by Mme. Huard.

FRIDAY

8.00 p.m. Christ Church. Lecture on Japan.
8.00 p.m. Town Hall. Andover Club Minstrels.

The surgical dressings class in the vestry of Christ Church will be omitted next week.

The tenth anniversary supper of Clan Johnston, O. S. C. No. 185, will be held in Garfield hall, Saturday evening, April 7.

Howard L. Cates of Whittier street, is recovering from his recent operation for appendicitis, at the Barr Sanatorium, Methuen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen of Chestnut street, attended the concert given by Galli-Curci in Symphony Hall, Boston, last Sunday.

The 25th anniversary of the class of 1892 of Harvard University will be observed next June. Two members of the class are Prof. Allen R. Benner, the secretary, and Nathan C. Hamblin.

George W. Foster, for many years a registrar of voters of this town, has declined re-appointment and Charles W. Clark has been chosen in his place. Mr. Foster's home is now in Wakefield.

Last night in Punchard hall, the Boy Scouts gave an entertainment, and presented a short sketch, and also gave an exhibition of drills and exercises. There was a large attendance and a good sum was realized for the treasury.

Garfield Lodge, K. of P. 172 met Monday evening, C. C. George York presiding. Routine business only, was transacted. Wednesday, March 21, the annual roll call and banquet will take place and it is requested that a good attendance will be at the hall on that occasion.

In the egg laying contest of the Essex Agricultural School, the white leghorns from Francis H. Foster's farm on Central street were the leading producers for the second successive week, with a total of 53. They have made big gains in the last three weeks and are near the top.

The Helping Hand Society of the Free Church elected officers at its last meeting as follows:—President, Mrs. Joshua L. Paine; vice-president, Mrs. Helen Riddoch; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Charles Mayer; directresses, Mrs. Robert Nicoll, Mrs. George D. Lawson, Mrs. Sydney Batchelder, Mrs. Grace Lake; collector, Mrs. Sydney Batchelder.

One of the best recials in the series was given last Wednesday in the chapel by Mrs. John C. Angus and Carl F. Pfatteicher who played compositions from Schumann and Mozart for two pianos. They gave a brilliant performance of Mozart's Concerto in D Minor in three movements, allegro, nomanza, rondo; and their playing of Schumann's Andante and Variations was also faultlessly rendered. Next Wednesday, Ernst Schmidt, assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, will give a violin recital from the works of Leclair and Beethoven.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Horace C. Bodwell of Watertown spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Deputy game warden Larkin has captured a couple of groundhogs and believes that their presence is indicative of an early spring.

At the session of probate court held at Salem this week, the inventory of the estate of Rebecca F. Jenkins was filed, amounting to $8,639.68.

The Echo Club of the Baptist church meets to-night in the vestry and Andrew McTernen will give a talk on rubber. A full attendance is desired.

B. Frank Michelsen, organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, will give an organ recital at Grace church, New Bedford, to-morrow.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the Peabody house, Dr. William Roscoe Thayer of Cambridge will speak before the Phillips Club and guests on "The Diplomacy of John Hay."

Dan Donahue of Methuen was arrested Sunday for stealing tools at the farm of John Maddox in West Andover, and Monday in police court, he was fined $10, by Judge Stone.

The Board of Registrars will hold one session before the constitutional convention primary, and an opportunity for voters to register will be given on Wednesday, March 28, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Andover Lodge of Odd Fellows will attend the special service at the Lawrence Tabernacle next Thursday night. Through a mistake the Scottish night will not be until one week from to-morrow night, March 24.

Prof. Charles T. Copeland will give a Kipling reading on Saturday, March 31, at 3.30 p.m., at the Jacob Sleeper Hall, 388 Boyleston street, Boston, for the benefit of the Dennison Settlement house. Tickets may be secured at the door.

Advance checks for the Andover Club minstrels will be exchanged for reserved seats at the Club rooms Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Only four seats can be secured by one person. After Tuesday night, reserved seats may be obtained at the Andover Bookstore.

Do not forget the Flower Show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, March 21 to 25, at their hall. Farquhar expects to show extra exhibits, spring bulbs and orchids, special features. Experts will be present to explain to all inquiry, growth methods. Prizes offered both for flowers, fruit and vegetables. Much room among the last.

Ira Abbott of New York, formerly of this town, who has for the past twelve years been a member of the Massachusetts Technology Club of New York, was tendered a complimentary smoker recently and in appreciation of his services to the club was presented by the members with a beautiful mahogany book-case, a floor lamp and a check for $200.

The King's Daughters will give a banquet to the young ladies of the senior department of the South Church Sunday School in the vestry Monday evening. A reception to Mrs. Willemina Brown Reed, a member of the Faculty of the Northfield Summer school of Sunday School methods, the speaker of the evening, will be held from 6 to 6.30. Members are requested to be on time for the social half-hour.

The old postoffice in the Musgrove building will be reconstructed and will be occupied by W. H. Welch & Co., plumbers. The entrance will be on Postoffice avenue and large windows will be put in for display of goods. There will also be a show room, and when fully equipped, will be one of the best in New England. It will be so arranged that everything needed in plumbing, heating, cooking and sanitation can be seen. This week Welch & Co. received the largest shipment of plumbing goods that ever came into Andover at one time.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Frank L. Brigham of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co., has purchased the Loring place on Abbot street.

Members of the local Relief Corps attended the Flag night service at the Biederwolf tabernacle in Lawrence, last night.

Allen R. Benner spoke at the banquet of the Sons and Daughters of Waldeboro Me., held in the Quincy House, Boston, last Saturday.

Last Sunday night the Free Church Christian Endeavor Society held a song service, the Biederwolf hymn books being used. The regular meeting followed, at the usual time.

Briggs and Allyn of Lawrence, who have supplied Andover people with doors and sashed for years, will go out of business just as soon as all orders on hand are completed.

All persons who need the services of the tree warden this spring for tree spraying are requested to make application at once to Mr. Playdon, so that the work can be done more promptly and at less cost than by waiting until late in the spring.

Nelson Abbott was in the Lawrence District police court Tuesday, charged with assaulting Elmer E. Bridge of Ballardvale and was fined $5. The assault took place Saturday night at the South Lawrence station.

Beginning Monday, news dealers have been notified that newspapers unsold are not returnable and will of necessity, to protect themselves, order very carefully. Newspaper readers should place orders for their daily papers with the local dealer to be sure of securing them.

John F. O'Connell of Wolcott avenue, publicity agent of the United Shoe Machinery Co., has been in the West this week, in attendance at State convention of shoe retailers in Toledo, Ohio. He left Newcastle, Ind., a few hours before the tornado struck that city and devastated it.

The meeting of the South Church Christian Endeavor Socie y was held last Sunday evening, at the usual hour, 6.30, in the vestry. A great deal of interest was added to the meeting, by the charming personality of Miss Anna Kochitsky, who gave some of her ideas regarding what it means to be a Christian.

Mrs. N. A. Severance invites the women of Andover to an opening of the newest style hats for spring and summer at her millinery shop on Barnard street, on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24.

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Judge Charles M. Bruce Addressed Men's Club of Free Church on Universal Military Training and Preparedness Against Aggression. Criticized Physical Training Methods in Schools.

Judge Bruce of Malden in his address before the Men's Club of the Free Church, Tuesday night, said that he believed in physical training in the schools fo boys and girls so that at nineteen they would be physically fit to undergo militarr training, which is a business and not a pastime as schools make it. He further added that with men's bodies made fit physically, the great question of intemperance would be solved, for the physically fit rarely used intoxicating liquors. He also said he was a pacifist, although advocating "Compulsory Universal Military Training" which was the topic of his address.

There was a good attendance of members and men from other churches and James C. Soutar introduced Judge Bruce, who at the outset stated that he would not discuss the present war except so far as it showed the weakness of the United States in its ability to meet a first class, highly organized foreign power prepared at all times either to make war or to defend itself against aggressors. He said there were three classes in America to-day, the listless, the pro-Ally and pro-German. instead of but one, all pro-American. A situation had arisen in Europe and war followed. This country did not ask these nations to fight, yet events are happening

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PARK SQUARE

In full tide of favor through the second month of its engagement at the Park Square Theatre, "Fair and Warmer" is repeating over again all the good things that have been said about it before its arrival. Since the opening night there has never been a night when there was not a crowded house in attendance.

There is a never failing quality of humor that surcharges this merry farce of Avery Hopwood's which finds its appeal in all sorts and conditions of people. Never in the history of Boston theatricals has there been shown a farce that has provoked so hearty and such a steady flow of laughter. It has been good, honest hilarity with a story of humerous incident whose enacted characters are so perfectly presented that there never fails to be revealed the full intent and spirit of the author. Selwyn and Company, the producers of the comedy, has supplied a company that has proved more than merely efficient. They invest each character with such superior artistry that they may well be termed one of the best companies of farceurs that has ever been assembled.

The matinees are on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The mail order system at this theatre assures best choice of seats for letter orders.

WILBUR

Irresistible cheerfulness, sustained by captivating melodies and smart dances, seems to pervade Ye Wilbur Theatre where that most delectable of all musical comedies, "The Blue Paradise," begins the seventh week of its highly entertaining engagement next Monday night, March 19. Breaking down all the barriers of the "show me" attitude adopted by many theatre-goers this merry musical melange sweeps all before it with a tuneful gale of gayety and bright humor. Especially alluring are the score or more of musical numbers, particularly the waltz song, "Auf Wiedersehn," with which this piece is endowed.

Cecil Lean, in the leading role, is afforded ample opportunity for the play of his inimitable whimsicalities. The supporting company is especially well chosen and includes such popular favorites as Cleo Mayfield, Vivienne Segal, Frances Pritchard, Hazel Cox Teddy Webb, Walter Armin, Harold Crane, Otto Schrader, Ted Loraine and the most pleasing chorus of attractive and stunning young ladies seen here in a long time.

MAJESTIC

A notable feature of the remarkably successful engagement of William Fox's million dollar picture beautiful, "A Daughter of the Gods" featuring the amphibian star, Annette Kellermann at the Majestic Theatre which will enter on its last two weeks, beginning next Monday, March 19, is that there is no apparent diminution in interest or attendance.

The sheer beauty of the scenery in this massive spectacle is unparalleled in film production and the stupendousness of many of the scenes is a source of wonder to all those witnessing it. The story of the play is one of entrancing interest and displays Miss Kellermann's individual skill and wonderful figure to un-dreamed-of advantage. The engagement will positively end Saturday night, March 31, concluding a remarkable engagement of eleven weeks. In the meantime the 100th performance in Boston will be celebrated Wednesday afternoon, March 14, by the distribution of beautifully mounted autographed photographs of Miss Kellermann.

PLYMOUTH

At the Plymouth Theatre on Monday evening next, March 19, Richard Walton Tully's thrilling production of "The Masquerader," with Guy Bates Post in the stellar part, will start upon its third big week. No play of the season has won such instantaneous success as has befallen this latest Tully production the past two weeks, and the large advance sale predicates capacity audienes again during the coming week. Mr. Post's performance in his difficult role has won him much praise, and the work of the splendid supporting cast has been much admired.

In addition to Mr. Post the company selected by Mr. Tully includes, Louis Calvert, Thais Lawton, Florence Malone, Clarence Handysides. Ian Forbes Robertson, Roby Gordon, Olive Temple and Nina Lindsey. Mr. Post in his dual role in this play recalls the sensational artistry of the late Mr. Richard Mansfield in his dual role in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Matinees are given on Thursday and Saturdays at this theatre. Out-of-town patrons intending to see this attraction will act wisely to arrange for seats ahead by mail.

COPLEY

W. Somerset Maugham's "Jack Straw," one of the characteristic comedies that has brought him fame and repute among the theatre-going public of both this country and England, is to be presented by the Henry Jewett afternoon during the coming week, (The French Players from the Theatre Francais of New York appearing each evening.)

The story is a wholesome one, abounding in humo of an infectious but clean character and as the plot develops the audience is frequently convulsed with merriment over the predicaments and observations of the characters involved.

The play begins by revealing Jack Straw as a waiter, Jack is really the Archduke of Pomerania, and when it is decided to palm off Jack Straw on Mrs. Parker Jennings what could be more natural than that he should decide to be himself—the Archduke.

COLONIAL

"Joan the Woman," based on the life and career of Joan of Arc, which will be shown at the Colonial theatre, with Geraldine Farrar as Joan, for a limited period beginning Tuesday next, is no mere fantasy of the motion picture director's fertile imagination. It is an accurately historical production in eleven parts, an entire evening's entertainment. It is the result of months of ceaseless intelligent study and preparation on the parts of all who had a part in it. Aside from the intensely human phase of "Joan the Woman," particularly that showing the tragic end of this martyred heroine, the production is certain to achieve popularity in Boston because of its grandeur of spectacle, its wonderful tableaux, its thrilling ensembles. Vast armies are utilized, and they actually fight. The grim horrors of war in this production have a certain fitness at this time in that they call to mind the warfare now being waged on a far broader field and scale in Europe.

Harvard Debating Council Announcement

The Ninth Annual Debate under the Triangular System between Harvard Yale and Princeton will take place at eight o'clock, Friday evening, March twenty-third, 1917, in Sanders Theatre, Cambridge, Mass. The question will be, "Resolved that, after the present war, the United States should so far depart from her traditional policy as to participate in the organization of leagues of Powers to enforce peace."

Tickets, at 25 cents, 75 cents, 50 cents, and $1.00, may be purchased at the following places: Herrick's Ticket Agency, Copley Square, Boston; Harvard Co-operative Branch Store, Cambridge; Amee Brothers, Cambridge. Or by mail from M. M. Roth, 57 Thayer Hall, Cambridge, Mass. On application for tickets in quantities of ten or more, a reduction of 25 cents will be allowed per ticket. This offer holds only for mail orders received before March 22. Applications for club rates should be sent to M. M. Roth, 57 Thayer Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Reason to be Grateful

Japan's friendly attitude toward the United States is gratifying and reassuring. In the event of war th good will and the active alliance of that country would be most welcome, especially to the Hawaiian Islands and to our Pacific Coast States. One strong reason for Japan's friendly attitude is suggested by Charles Bates Strayer in Leslie's, as follows:

Whether there will ever be a military clash between Japan and the United States is open to question, but there is no doubt about commercial competition. Against our intelligence and ingenuity Japan places initiative and aggressiveness and a scale of wages and a standard of living before which the American worker must throw up his hands. For 2,577 years the Japanese government has been instilling habits of economy into the people. Government reports of daily wages in Japan in 1915 and in New York in 1914 give this comparison:

Bricklayer	40c	$6.00
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Printer	17c	$1.25

Japan can undersell American paper manufacturers, even after coming here for the raw material, taking it home to finish and briging it back again across the Pacific. In no product in which labor is a large percentage of the cost can we compete with Japan. It is no wonder that Japanese business men, fearing a Protective Tariff that would curtail Japanese exports to America, welcomed the re-election of President Wilson.

So did the industrial producers of every other foreign country welcome the first and second elections of Woodrow Wilson. Especially did they welcome the enactment of the Underwood Free-Trade Tariff with schedules arranged so as to give foreign producers great privileges and opportunities in the American market. Japan, with wage costs less than one-tenth of American wage costs, has especial reason to be grateful.—American Economist.

One Cause of New Taxes

Every one remembers the effect of the Underwood Tariff law during the brief period when it was in force, before the outbreak of the war. In those few months it brought the country on the verge of an industrial crisis. In July, 1914, there was the sort of extensive un-employment in this country which we are accustomed to see in time of panic. Imports were flooding into the country at such a rate that our favorable balance of trade had turned into an unfavorable one, which meant that the employment taken away from the laborers at home was being handed to laborers abroad.

The European war then broke. It was an unexampled Protective Tariff for us. It took European laborers out of the factories that had produced for us. It caused a rise in ocean freight rates and a lack of ocean tonnage which acted as a heavy penalty upon the foreign producer of manufactured goods. The evil effect of the Underwood Tariff will not again be felt until normal conditions return; that is, until the war is over.

In the meantime, another effect of the Tariff reduction has come strongly into view — a great decrease in our revenues from customs duties, In the last year under the old Tariff, the year ending June 30, 1913, we imported goods to the value of $1,767,000,000. On them we collected an average duty of 17.69 per cent., so that our customs revenues were $312,500,000. For the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1916, our imports were $2,179,000,000, but the average duty collected was only 9.62 per cent., so that our customs revenues were $210,000 000. If the average rate of 1913 had been collected, our customs revenues in 1916 would have been $385,000,000. The difference between $385,000,000 and $210,000,000 is $175,000,000 per year, which is what the Underwood Tariff is costing the country to-day.

Has anyone personally noticed a reduction in the cost of living to compensate consumers for the national loss of $175,000,000 in annual income?—New York Mail

The Eggless Cake

The prestige of the hen is being curtailed in a new and ieteresting way.

She lays a billion eggs or so for the human race each year, and, under world war conditions, the price of eggs per dozen to the consumer had approached a dollar in some parts of the United States, and has reached the prohibitive price of two dollars or more in the belligerent countries.

Therefore when the high cost of living looms large in the public eye, unusual importance is attached to the announcement of the best known baking powder company in the world that it has envolved a ready and practical way for the housewife to save, in the aggregate, many millions of dollars in household expenses through the use of more Royal Baking Powder and less eggs.

Months of experimenting have elicited a large number of recipes for the making of home baked products with fewer eggs, and these recipes are being distributed gratis. It is claimed that they prove conclusively that the baking powder saves eggs—in some cakes about half the cost of the cake is saved. In recipes calling for the use of eggs, the number can be reduced and excellent results—healthful, appetizing cakes, muffins, corn bread, etc.—obtained by using a small additional quantity, about a teaspoon, of Royal baking powder in place of each egg omitted.

The acme, or top notch achievement, in this connection is an eggless, milkless, butterless cake that is pronounced by all who have tasted it to be delicious and wholesome. Its appetizing quality, it is claimed, will be surprising to the housewife who tries it according to the recipe given.

The idea of using more Royal baking powder and less eggs in baking is not entirely new, but the elaborate enlarging and perfecting of the idea just accomplished renders it a very present help, meeting the necessities of the housewife of moderate means in a time of soaring food prices.

In the British Isles the news has been received with enthusiasm. The baking powder company, while not being accused of being an out-and-out philanthropist in the matter, is pointed out as having provided the means of effecting an enormous saving in household affairs in a way that benefits everybody and harms nobody—except it be the pride of the autocratic hens The company only completed its experiments recently, and already the announcements are being spread broadcast in the newspapers, which, it will be remembered, many years ago made the name of Royal Baking Powder a household word all over the world.

Essex County Agricultural School

The Trustees of the County Agricultural School announce three important events in the history of the School, as follows:-

On Tuesday, March 20th they will receive the building from the contractor and hold appropriate dedication exercises at 1 P. M. It is understood that the Essex County Associated Boards of Trade, who have been so helpful in the establishment of the School, will participate in the exercises.

The graduation of the first classes in both departments, Agricultural and Home-making, will be held on the same day at 3 P. M.

On the following day the regular Fourth Annual Essex County Farmers' Day will be held. This has become a big event in county life. The meetings will be held in three sections, together with a Poultry meeting. Valuable lecturers have been secured and the discussions and lectures are bound to assist many in the coming season's work.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE

By Mrs. Marlborough Churchill

INSTALLMENT NO. 4

November 28

Yesterday when Marlborough and I returned home, we found Mollie and her filleul in the petit salon talking like magpies! Out of a clear sky he had appeared at 3 o'clock! A nice-looking fellow, only 26, but he looks older, dark hair and mustache. He had on a brand new uniform, new shoes, leggins and hat, which his Captain had issued to him to go on "permission."

He got his permission unexpectedly and didn't have time to write Mollie, and I was so glad she was at home. She had talked with him four hours when we arrived, and knew everything he had ever done, so she must have understood everything he had said to her.

He had had tea with her, how I wish I had seen them! Although she had cakes, she asked him if he would like some bread and butter. This pleased him to death, and Mollie said "Mother, I guess there isn't any more bread and butter in the house, for he hadn't had butter since 1914!"

Marlborough found him very well informed and interesting, and we were both delighted with his most courteous manners; and how could he have them when he has been living in the trenches for two years and a half?

He was so grateful for what Mollie had done for him, and she had made him tell her what he liked and needed most, and had asked him what he wanted to get in Paris. He told her that he wanted to get the three service stripes for his two and one-half years at the front, put on his new uniform; so Mollie said, "I told him to get it done and I would pay for it, and it made him so happy."

The French soldiers are paid 4 sous, or 4 cents a day, so unless they have families to to things for them, their marraines are a god-send. He looks upon Mollie as a fairy godmother.

He was here for dinner, having it in the kitchen with the maids, but as both are extremely attractive, I am sure he had a good time. After dinner we sent for him and Mollie gave him some money to spend in Paris. After Mollie had gone to bed, he stayed here until 11 o'clock talking his head off, telling us the most interesting things.

He is staying at a Canteen in Rouilley which is for men from the invaded country, so it is not any expense to him or to us. He comes here for tea with Moll and Marlborough tomorrow, it is my day at the Ambulance. He dines again in the kitchen and we send him with the the two maids to the cinema in the evening. The poor soul said it was so odd not to hear guns all the time, for he has been at the Verdun front since last May, and not one day away from it.

Left tonight to go back to Verdun. He goes as far as Dugny by train and to get to his battery he has to walk six miles over a road that is continually being shelled, for it is the road on which supplies and ammunition are taken to Verdun.

November 8

Sunday morning a Miss Brent got permission for me to go with her to the Gare du Nord and see a troop train off to the front. And it was a sight; 1800 men going back after eight days "permission" in Paris, and going back, poor souls, many of them never to return, and you may be sure there was not much hilarity to leave Paris for shot and shell and the destruction of human life.

But the calm, natural, business-like way in which they accepted it, was a revelation, as showing what people can do if they have to. At the train no one is allowed inside the gate, so once a man has passed through, he has said good-bye to family and friends, if they have them.

Going through that sad crowd is heart rending. But once inside the gate, where Miss Brent and I were allowed to go, I got as excited as a child of two. Miss Brent had on a truck about fifty packages, to give to men she had found out about, as coming from the invaded country. Their eight days can not be spent with families and friends, and many of these cases are very pathetic. The packages have socks, handkerchiefs, soap, cigarettes, pate and jam.

I turned all the money I had on Saturday night into French cigarettes and wished I had about 1000 packages instead of about 200. My intentions were to give them to the pathetic, forlorn looking ones. This I did at first, and presently I was surrounded by a mob and their bourgeois French was way beyond me, and my two hundred packages of cigarettes lasted about as long as a snow ball on a griddle.

Aside from those to whom you gave cigarettes, all that could wanted to grasp you by the hand, and have you say "Bon chance" (good-luck) never au-revoir.

This mass of faded and stained blue uniforms, trench-helmets and gas masks was something weird to be among and a part of. Just before the train started and all were about in the coaches, we started at the end of the train with a bunch of flags and ran the length of the train, putting one in each coach.

Such excitement! A train with Andover boys on their way to an Exeter game was nothing compared with it. The train seemed miles long and extended out of the train yard almost into the country. As the train started, they hung their flags out of the windows, as well as their 1800 helmeted heads, all saying, "Vive les Americans," and it was a wonderful sight. And as the train went round a curve they all flocked to the opposite windows in the coaches, and we could see this long line of French flags waving until the train was out of sight.

After the excitement of doing something for them was over, it was rather depressing, but I only had to turn around to greet a train coming in direct from the trenches with many men with mud caked on up over their boots and leggins, their overcoats all mud, and all with their huge knotty trench canes, but all of them wreathed in smiles at the thought of Paris for eight days.

Out of the huge crowd waiting for them, every now and then a man, woman or child would fall on the soldier's neck. But the other I had had a part in, and to this I was simply an onlooker. My idea now is to save my sous for a million cigarettes and again get permission to go and have enough for all.

Gold Tried in the Fire

I can help a little on Katy Williams as she was a distant cousin of my father's also of his relatives, Lydia Russell, daughter of his uncle Abiel, and of the Faulkner girls, daughters of his aunt Lydia Russell, Uriah Russell on the Homestead above Carter's corner, father of Abiel, Lydia, Joel (we all recall best) and my Grandma Hannah (Russell) Abbott had a sister Abigail Russell, who married in 1770 Henry Williams of Salem. One daughter Catherine Williams for whom the saint was named, cousin therefore to this group above, married Thomas Downing of Salem, lived to be very old, used to come as a widow to visit all her Andover relatives especially my father's sister, Mrs. Morrill, and at our house where my mother catered to her love of old fashioned cooking and she returned the favor by sewing us all up in sheets and shirts and taught the younger generation fine sewing. well. She must have had a brother, R. T. Williams that married Ruth Abbott from Albany, Maine. Ruth's sister Sarah married David Holt of Andover. We recall her best as she lived as a widow many years on the site of the Free Church.

Her sister Ruth Abbot was the mother of two daughters at least, Eliza Williams who married William Corse, our shoemaker, and this Catherine Downing Williams named for her old aunt, who was too feeble to come to Andover after Katie took up her abode with Mrs. Corse in the "Priests cottage" now set on Pearson street, back of Daley's. Her room was in the west chamber on the street. It happened I was born in that room when my father started his family and there the poor man walked the floor nights with the most wakeful and irrascible of his brood. Peace ruled when Katie came.

About eleven or more I was, when one of the cousins Faulkner or Lydia Russell took me along one day so I could see where I was born. Katie was a sweet woman, so was her sister Mrs. Corse. I think one or both had the brown eyes of the Salem cousins. Abner Abbott, who chose to try Albany, Maine, was brother of Gen. Stephen Abbott of Salem; both were born in the house on the site of Professor Phelps's mansion (so called).

Hence the Salem marriages of these Abbotts later the Williams's, always came to Andover. Old Henry Williams, son Willard, brother to old Catherine Downing was father of the celebrated eye specialist who got in his first operation for cataract on my father's eye here in Andover. As a student here, he lived with the Faulkners. His sisters, the artists, were of Abbott Academy, making their home with Mrs. Sylvester Abbott whom they used to visit. I cannot recall anything about the interview now with Katy save I looked on her as a great saint and later I was allowed to read the book by some one who had a copy. But there is living another relative here that may be able to tell C. C. C. more than I can. Ruth Abbott's mother, wife of Abner Abbott was Ruth Holt of Sunset Rock farm. Her brother Joseph Holt and family, went to Albany too, but got enough of it and returned to Andover, so we raised up "Bible House" Joseph as we used to call him.

His daughter is on the Holt side, a nearer cousin than the Russells to Katie Williams. She may have been in New York City while Katie lived her life of pain here. But you ask Mrs. Josephine Blunt about those callers etc.

C. H. A.

Point of View

From my stulking ground in literature, I gather these sayings that may fit some other tried people's moods. Please send more like these if you have a good specimen.

Germans daily routine of duty, Aunt Hannah calls on your time and muscle, keeping picked up and sanitary stunts with failure of schemes and limited opportunities all are represented. At the last the outlook from the High Hills.

"Life is one damned thing after another." (Novel)

"Life is one demnition horrid grind." (Dickens)

"Life is a constant chore." (Jewitt)

"Life ain't holdin' good cards; It's playin' a poor hand well." (Novel)

"Life is real, life is earnest

And the grave is not its goal." (Longfellow)

Here is another bit I have pinned on my mirror:

"What I spent, that I had
What I gave, that I have
What I kept, that I lost"
(source unknown)

And to folks with seeing eyes:

"We have but little money, but as long as we use our eyes faithfully, every thing that they see under the sun is ours." Can anyone tell me the "Puss in Boots" I cut this from. Is it a play or a book?

C. H. A.

Living Proof of It

Rather funny to hear, as we did the other day, a man who claimed that physical ailments were purely imaginary assert that "Dere is do such thig as idfluedza."

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NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

NORTH ANDOVER

Among the inventories recently filed at Salem was that of the late Orrin Foster which amounted to $28,244.06.

Rev H. Usher Monro, rector o St. Paul's church is still confined to the hospital in Boston although he is reported to be improving.

Rev. E. J. Dennen, arch-deacon of Boston, will preach at St. Paul's church next Sunday at 11 a.m. It will be his first official visit to the parish.

Officer Herbert H. Morrill, who recently resigned as foreman for the North Andover Coal company, is now employed at the Davis and Furber plant.

Mrs. William A. Russell of Boston and North Andover has leased for the summer the August Hemmenway cottage near Singing beach, Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Employes of the local station of the Texas Oil company were given a complimentary banquet at the Essex House, Lawrence on Saturday evening, by the manager, James L. Rolley.

Henry H. Bishop, highly respected citizen of Lawrence, who died in that city Tuesday, formerly lived here, residing on the Israel Foster place in the Kimball district, now owned by Forest Warden William L. Smith.

Miss Mary Grogan, a life-long resident of this town, died early Monday morning at her late home, 42 Second street. The deceased was taken ill several weeks ago following the death of her mother who was one of the town's oldest residents and pioneer settlers. Two brothers, John P. and Daniel J. Grogan of this town survive.

At a mass meeting of the Davis & Furber Machine company employes, who have been out on strike for nearly five weeks, held in Libby hall, Lawrence, Tuesday night, it was unanimously voted to remain on strike until their demands for a ten per cent increase in wages and five minutes to wash up at noon and night are granted.

President Fred Goff occupied the chair at a meeting of the Men's League, held in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Tuesday evening. Resolved: That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished In Massachusetts," was the subject of an interesting debate. John McKinnon and Albert Mitchell were the leaders for the affirmative side and Walter Bigelow and William Studley represented the negative, the latter winning. Following the debate the topic was informally discussed.

At a metting of the board of selectmen Monday evening, Chairman Peter Holt presiding, the following appointments were made. Animal Inspector, Dr. William J. Greenler. Registrar of Voters, three years, Arthur B. Keefe. Public Weighers, W. S. Roundy, Edward Adams, S. Albert Jenkins, William Halliday, J. Louis Trombly, Ralph F. Robinson, George B. Leighton. Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber, George R. Barker, C. Walter Paul, Arthur H. Farnham.

"Little Almond Eyes," the operetta to be given by the St. Paul's Literary and Dramatic society, of St. Paul's church in the parish hall, April 19 and 20, is a new operetta. The libretto by Frederick H. Martens, the music by Will C. MacFarlane, both well known to New England music lovers. The society is to be congratulated on its undertaking to give something above the ordinary run of entertainment. The libretto is witty and well written, the music sparkling and bright, in fact the whole work carries one back to the many pleasant and profitable evenings spent with Gilbert and Sullivan at their best.

Medicinal Herb Culture

More intensive cultivation of certain medicinal plants has resulted from the earlier work of the pharmaceutical experiment station at Madison, Wis., according to its report.

In 1914, sixty-four species were cultivated at Camp Randall, and in 1915, fifty-seven varieties were grown. Single-row experiments are being replaced by five-row experiments.

The station supplies digitalis to Eastern hospitals and clinics. The breeding of high-grade datura plants is being carried on. The scarcity of belladonna has made this plant valuable. Several years will be necessary to develop the culture.

Wisconsin wormwood and oil from it have also been experimented with as well as foxglove for medicinal purposes. It was formerly believed that only the second year leaves of this plant were valuable and winter killing in Wisconsin made it difficult to get these leaves. Since it has been proved that first year leaves serve as well, this State should be as successful as Washington.

The making of thymol from horsemint which grows wild in this State has also been taken up. The cultivation of wild bergamot, a related species, has been studied at length. Carvacol, close related to thymol and which comes from the wild bergamot, may be used as a specific against the hook worm. The Wisconsin chemical is being tried in Ceylon. —Milwaukee Journal.

A Hot One

Crabbe: Some people make me sick.

Cutting: It's only fair that they should reciprocate.

METHUEN

The regular meeting of Minerva Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., 20, was held Tuesday evening at 7.45 in Odd Fellows hall. Following the business meeting a St. Patrick's party was held for the members.

Local members of patriotic societies including the members of Samuel Adams chapter, D. A. R., George E. Woodbury Camp, Sons of Veterans and William G. Greene Post, No. 100, G. A. R., attended the patriotic exercises at the Biederwolf tabernacle in Lawrence Tuesday evening.

Members of the Girls' High School Athletic association are making extensive plans for their fair to be held on Friday of next week in the Nevins Memorial hall. In the afternoon there will be a sale of fancy articles, candy, home bakery, etc., and a social and dancing will be held in the evening.

A hearing, scheduled for Monday night, to annex certain parts of Methuen to the City of Lawrence was postponed and will be held in the town hall on Tuesday night of next week. The committee on towns from the legislature will hold a hearing and from present indications a large attendance will be on hand when it comes off.

Tomorrow afternoon in the basement of St. Monica's church an entertainment will be held for children. The admission fee will be one pound of groceries. Grown people are also invited. A splendid entertainment will be given by selected talent. Plans for a concert in the town hall next week are underway and are rapidly materializing.

Monday night about 7 o'clock, one of the cars of the Bay State St. Ry. Co. collided with a milk wagon, the property of Mr. Findison of this town, in the vicinity of the Nevins Home for Aged on Broadway. The team was turning out of the car tracks and received a glancing blow from the approaching car. Outside of a few milk bottles being broken, no other damage resulted.

A public hearing was held Monday night in the Methuen town hall by members of the finance committee of the town. Many residents interested in various articles of the town were present and favored the articles. The committee has already investigated many places where improvements were asked and a report of their findings will be made at the annual town meeting to be held to-morrow afternoon in the town hall.

Just what will become of the petition of eighty tax payers of the town to have an investigation of the town's finances is in the air. At the hearing held in Boston Monday the judge sitting in equity court stated that if the petition was granted it would probably be better to have the meeting in Lawrence as so many witnesses would be called. He intimated that all petitioners would have to appear as witnesses and tell what they know of the alleged misuse of the town of Methuen's funds.

The Arlington Day nursery of Charles street met Monday afternoon at the dent Mrs. Baker, presided and the report for February was made which showed the society is in excellent financial condition. A social was enjoyed. The treasurer's report as follows: Receipts—Cash on hand February 1, 29 cents; board, $211.25; dues, $2; sale of candy by Miss E. A. Stevens, $18.61; girls' business club, $10; sundries, $1.85; small contributions from many friends, $204.09; total, $448.90. Disbursements, $390.85; cash on hand, $58.05.

The annual meeting of the First Universalist parish was held Monday evening in Gleason Memorial church and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Kimball G. Colby; clerk, Harry Craven; treasurer, John G. Low; auditor, Charles H. Cooper; trustees, B. E. Hill, F. O. Wheeler, Eugene Hall. Annual reports of the clerk and treasurer were read and approved and three new members were elected to the parish. The annual parish supper was held at K. of P. hall on Hampshire street last night, when annual reports of other organizations in the church were presented.

The school board met Tuesday night and organized with Edward A. Bower as chairman and Dr. Howard L. Cushman as secretary. Walter M. Hastings was named a member of the high school committee and Mr. Bower the representative of the board on the athletic council. Matters pertaining to the general welfare of the schools were considered and the articles in the town warrant in which the department is interested were discussed. There are two school buildings called for this year, one at Marsh's corner, at a cost of $21,000 and one at Grosvenor's corner, for which an appropriation of $10,000 is asked.

Easy Mark for the Sex

"Say, Casey, did you ever make an idiot of yourself over women?"

"An idjut, is ut? Sure, I've made mesilf an intoire asylum."

There's A Reason

"Old Blank's nieces and nephews don't dare balk him in the slightest thing."

"He must have great will power."

"You bet he has! He can will $5,000,000."

LAWRENCE

John Feakes of Williamsburg, Kan., after an absence of 27 years from his native town, is visiting at the home of his cousin, John Hulme on Nesmith street.

A class in naturalization, open to all Italians was organized Tuesday night at the rooms of the Italian Citizens club 189 Elm street. A competent teacher has been secured.

Dr. Fred G. Bushold sailed Saturday from New York for Cuba, where he has extensive interests in orange groves. He will combine pleasure with business and will visit Havana and various points of Cuba and Panama.

The police are looking for the assailant of William Belervie, of 129 Elm street, who alleges that he was assaulted Monday afternoon in the Pemberton Mill. Belervie claims he was slashed on the face and arm with a razor.

The annual graduating exercises of the evening High school will be held at City hall, March 21, it was announced recently It is expected that the class will be somewhat smaller this year, because of the new ruling that went into effect last year, precribing a four-year course instead of three years.

Miss Helen M. Kimball of 577 Haverhill street, this city, now attending Colby college, has been chosen to represent the Colby chapter of the Tri-Delta fraternity at the bi-annual convention which is this year being held in Lynchburg, Virginia. Miss Kimball is a graduate of Lawrence High school, class of 1914. She leaves for Virginia, April 4.

A committee of ladies from this district conducted a bakery sale in a store at 254 Hampshire street Saturday afternoon and evening for the benefit of Rev. Michael A. Sullivan's table at the coming fair of St. Mary's church. All kinds of home made pies, cakes, bread, etc., were on sale and the affair was well patronized. It was a big financial success as $150 was realized.

In an effort to overcome the effects of blood poisoning, the right hand of Frank Haseltine, aged 38 years, of 568 Haverhill street was amputated at the wrist Monday at the General hospital. Amputation followed an injury to the hand at the Lawrence company about four weeks ago. The operation was successful and it is expected that he will recover.

The Enterprise Dramatic society, connected with the First Spiritual church of Methuen, will present a comedy playlet entitled "My Turn Next," in the lyceum on Centre street to-morrow at 8 o'clock. The members of the cast have been rehearsing for several weeks under the leadership of Dan Moore and a finished production should result. In addition to the play a short musical program will be carried out.

Taxi-cabs and all motor vehicles used in the transportation of passengers come under the provisions of the jitney regulations, when it was stated that owners and drivers of such vehicles must secure the license, plates and badges just the same as the jitney men. All the necessary plates and badges have been received at the city clerk's office, and are being distributed as rapidly as possible among the owners and drivers, all of whom will be registered.

A Mothers' league, to cope with the high cost of living, has been formed in this city, with a large number of local people as members. The following officers have been chosen: President, Mrs. Lena Sibulkin; vice-president, Mrs. Tilly Rosenthal; treasurer, Mrs. Lena Specter; secretary, Mrs. Lena Prolman; assistant secretary, Mrs. Rosen. Plans are being made to hold a big mass meeting in the near future, and Mrs. Eva Hoffmann of Boston will be the principal speaker.

Walter E. Rushforth, the well-known editor and publisher of the Sunday Critic, passed away at the family home, 24 Crescent street, Monday morning, after several months' illness. The deceased was born in Bradford, England, in 1861, but came to this city 29 years ago, and since that time made his home here. Mr. Rushforth had, for the greater part of his time, been engaged in the newspaper business. He is survived by his wife, Sarah E.; one son, Charles P. Rushforth, the former councilman; and one daughter, Miss Anna Rushforth. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the family home at 2 o'clock. Rev. York King conducted the services. Interment will be in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

A meeting of the Natural History society was held Monday night, when Mrs. Bernard M. Sheridan delivered an interesting talk on "The Aquarium of Naples." During the meeting, George Barlow announced that North Andover had become the winter home of many grosbeaks in this section. The talk given by Mrs. Sheridan briefly outlines important features of the Naples aquarium, which is the most important in the world. She stated that interesting specimens of marine animals and plants were contained in the tank. Following her lecture the members discussed the aquarium in Boston and also the one in New York city. George Barlow, who is an active member of the Natural History society, stated that 40 years ago Brighton, England, had an aquarium which was one of the first built in England, and he interestingly described it.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

New Principal at Melrose High

William P. Alexander, now principal of the Attleboro High School, has been chosen principal of the Melrose High School, to succeed Lorne B. Hulsman, who goes to Pittsfield. Mr. Alexander will assume his new duties April 1. He is a graduate of the Everett schools, received his A. B. at the University of Maine and an A. M. at Wesleyan. He also did graduate work at Harvard. He has had a large expernence in teaching in both private and public schools.

Advocates Athletic Field

In his annual report Superintendent William F. Sime of the Saugus schools outlines some of the needs of his department as follows. Playground apparatus for all school grounds, at least one large athletic field, a school nurse, a school dentist, some way to humidify the air in the school rooms, a revised code of regulations for the school department, a full time paid clerk to keep the school department office open all day and through vacations, adequate accommodations for manual training and domestic sciepce and accommodations for serving lunch daily at the High School, where there are one thousand pupils.

Boston School Budget

Boston's school budget for the year totals $7,362,974. It was passed by the School Committee this week nuder two heads—$6,422,000 for maintenance and $940,874 for construction. Of this latter sum, $353,865 is provided for deficits in new schoolroom work undertaken last year caused largely by the increase in costs. There is a balance of $541,109 for new buildings.

It is proposed to spend $140,000 for an eight-room building and land in the Roger Wolcott district; $104,026 for an eight-room annex to the Blackinton School in the John Cheverus district; $148,581 for a ten-room building with an auditorium in the Eliot-Hancock district; $89,000 for a site for a Public Latin School, and $36,500 for an eight-room annex in the Dearborn district.

Higher Education

Those who are still asking if higher education pays are respectfully referred to the Harvard Business School for their answer. This school has been in existence about eight years—not a long time as colleges go, but long enough to demonstrate the fact that it is giving its students the kind of training which business men demand and which the are willing to pay for. According to the school's annual report six members of the class of 1914 received one year after graduation an average salary of $1450. At least six alumni of longer standing are being paid $6000 apiece, annually, and one man reports that he is getting $15,000. These figures will appeal particularly to the advocates of the practical education as an argument in favor of intensive training for life work.

NOTES BY SPINSTER

I saw the notice of the death of Samuel Mosely on March 1, at his home in Hyde Park, aged seventy-one. The accompanying obituary note said he was a bachelor, which was misleading. On inquiry recently, I found it was indeed the genial editor and efficient business man who married so long ago, Caroline Brown, the daughter of the late John T. Brown, and whose sister, the former wife of Arthur Bliss, left his children the only ones of late years to represent the old High street family of my youth. Mr. Moseley's wife died several years ago.

C. H. A.

Judge Nahum Morrill of Auburn, Maine, died March 3, at ninety-eight. He was born in Limerick, Me., was a prominent lawyer and business man in the Androscoggin Valley many years. He had a family Bible that belonged to his grandfather, General McDonald of Limerick. A niece visiting Andover came to me to learn of her Frye ancestry, from an unrecorded grandma, I had taken over from Probate records, and this led to a correspondence with Judge Morrill and a copy of the family records establishing pedigrees of the Frye and Wiley families missing for over one hundred years. His ancestor of Andover was Lieutenant James Wiley of Scottish birth, who came with his parents here early, served both in French wars and the Revolution, moved away with his Frye wife and a host of children not recorded here, Scotch careless style, though born in the North Parish every one. One daughter marrying General McDonald and one son after the family left for Limerick, remained with us and is now represented by Warren Johnson, whose mother was a distant cousin of Judge Morrill. Night Editor McDonald of the Portland Argus, who attends among other duties to the Historical page is a nephew and sends me that Democratic sheet every day in swaps for facts sent to his column. So I owe many good things to Judge Morrill and his ancestress, Bethia Frye.

C. H. A.

A Loyal Kid

Father: What did the teacher say when she heard you swear?

Tommy: She asked me where I learned it.

Father: What did you tell her?

Tommy: I didn't want to give you away pa, so I blamed it on the parrot.

Man (in barber's chair)—Lather me quick, Thomas. Here comes my tailor.

Rev. G. Frederick Wright on the War Question

A recent issue of the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer has an article contributed by Prof. G. Frederick Wright of Oberlin upon the duty of American citizens to stand by the President and the flag now as they did in the Civil War. Mr. Wright was himself a private in that conflict, enlisting in one of the earliest Ohio regiments. As Dr. Wright is honorably and affectionately remembered in Andover as pastor for nine years of the Free Church, we are glad to reprint the article in full.

"The younger generation (among whom we may include those of the age of William Jennings Bryan), who are talking so glibly of peace at almost any price, could learn wisdom by consulting some of the members of the rapidly diminishing "Grand Army." They would thus be reminded by living witnesses that there was, at the time of the Civil War, a "peace at any price party," who urged Lincoln to say: "Wayward sisters, depart in peace." Even in the face of the gigantic war now in progress, we need not forget the horrors of that war. It ill becomes the hundred million people of the United States, whose prosperity and hopes for the future were purchased by the blood of those whose names are enrolled on the soldiers' monuments erected in every hamlet of our land, to forget the price at which this prosperity was purchased. It ill becomes them, also, to shrink from paying a similar price for the perpetuation of the blessings thus secured.

I was a member of Company C, Seventh Ohio Volunteers. It was a memorable day when, on Sunday morning, May 5, 1861, this regiment marched down the streets of Cleveland between the long lines of applauding and tearful spectators, to embark upon the terrible contest which was before them. Company C consisted of Oberlin students. Their story and that of the Seventh Regiment is similar to that of thousands of others who went to the combat from all parts of the country. Thirty-one of that noble company to which I belonged were killed on the battlefield, and seven died of disease, mostly in Southern prisons, while another third was mutilated for life. Their names are on our soldiers' monuments, unheeded by the great throng of students that pass it at all hours of the day. At the battle of Cedar Mountain seventy-five per cent of all the Seventh Regiment were either killed or wounded. On the last fatal charge of Ringgold, Company C went in with twenty men and left fourteen killed or wounded on the field; every commissioned officer of the regiment but one was killed. And this was the fate of nearly half a million who laid down their lives to save the dignity of our flag.

At the opening of the Civil War Secretary Seward portrayed in most effective language what would be the result if the Union was not preserved. "How pitiable," said he, "if some lone American traveller in foreign lands, emerging into some centre of the world's traffic, should look around in vain for the Stars and Stripes that symbolize the power of a great and united people, and should find only some lone star symbolic of his country's weakness." More than once, after having been immured in foreign lands, out of sight of our flag for many months, I have been moved to tears of thankfulness on approaching our consulate, or a port where some representative of our navy was lying, to see that noble emblem of our country's greatness and to take shelter under its protecting folds.

The honor of our flag is of inestimable worth to the humblest citizen of the nation. It must be maintained or we shall lose not only our own protection but our ability to promote peace in the world. Some thought it would have been a small cause for war if it hung upon the fate of one negro, supposed to be a citizen of the United States. But the whole principle is as much at stake in the treatment of one man's rights, when the case is clearly made, as in those of a thousand. A nation that will not protect the rights of its humblest citizen will soon be unable to protect the rights of any. The President has not gone too far in severing diplomatic relations with Germany; and if Germany does not recede from her present position, he will not go too far in facing the sterner facts connected with actual warfare. The generation that for its own ease is willing to sacrifice the honor of the nation's flag will incur the ignominy of all future generations.

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Constitutional Convention Primaries

The primaries for the constitutional convention will be held throughout the state on Tuesday, April 3, and candidates will be chosen for the election on Tuesday, May 1. There are sixteen delegates at large to be elected on May 1, and twice that number will be chosen from the fifty-two candidates at the primaries on April 3. Delegates from the Congressional districts will also be chosen at the primaries as well as delegates from the representative districts. No primary will be necessary in the Fifth Congressional district as there are but seven candidates and all their names will go on the ballot for the May election. In the local representative district there are four candidates and the two highest will be voted on in May.

The candidates are:—

At large: Charles Francis Adams of Concord, George W. Anderson of Brookline, William G. Andrew of Somerville, Albert S. Apsey of Cambridge, Addison F. Beardsley of Boston, John L. Bates of Brookline, Charles J. Barton of Melrose, William H. Brooks of Holyoke, Walter A. Buie of Boston, John W. Cummings of Fall River, Edwin U. Curtis of Boston, Louis A. Coolidge of Milton, Harvey S. Chase of Brookline, Charles W. Clifford of New Bedford, Charles F. Choate, Jr., of Southboro, Samuel R. Cutler of Revere, George W. Coleman of Boston, Arthur W. DeGoosh of Boston, Frank E. Dunbar of Lowell, George H. Doty of Waltham, Hugh P. Drysdale of North Adams, Daniel E. Denny of Worcester, Daniel R. Donovan of Springfield, Samuel J. Elder of Winchester, Wilmot R. Evans, Jr., of Everett, Eugene N. Foss of Boston, Gurdon W. Gordon of Springfield, Harry A. Garfield of Williamstown, Ralph W. Gloag of Boston, Arthur Dehon Hill of Boston, Matthew Hale of Boston, Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield, Lewis J. Johnson of Cambridge, Patrick H. Jennings of Boston, A. Lawrence Lowell of Cambridge, Nathan Matthews of Boston, James T. Moriarty of Boston, Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston, Josiah Quincy of Boston, Clarence Rowley of Boston, Moorfield Storey of Lincoln, James A. Stiles of Gardner, Charles B. Strecker of Boston, John Weaver Sherman of Boston, Whitfield Tuck of Winchester, Wendell Phillips Thore of Boston, Lombard Williams of Dedham, George H. Wrenn of Springfield, Robert M. Washburn of Worcester, David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline, Joseph Walker of Brookline.

Fifth Congressional District: Chester W. Clark, Wilmington; Hamlet S. Greenwood, Lowell; James Wilson Grimes of Reading, William Odlin, Andover; H. Harding Hale, Hudson; Edward Fisher, Westford; John W. Daly, Lowell. No primary.

Ninth Representative Essex—Nesbit G. Gleason, Bernard M. Allen, Andover; Arthur P. Chickering, Peter Barrington, North Andover. Primary.

The Leginska Recital

A week from to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon Miss Ethel Leginska will be at Abbot Academy. It has been exceedingly difficult to secure her for a recital this year; she is at the height of her personality and power. Mr. H. T. Parker in his review of her concert in the Boston Transcript of December 8, 1916, said of her playing, "Whatever music Mme. Leginska plays, she imparts to her hearers transfused through with the nervous force of her enkindling and energizing personality. That force and fire made her playing on its technical side seem as it did on Thursday puissant and flaming improvisation." "To see Kean—Lamb said—was to read Shakespeare in flashes and lightning. To listen to Chopin as Mme. Leginska played him, was to hear him in like fashion. For the Chopin of power there is only Mr. Paderewski to excel her."

Her program in Andover will include four Chopin numbers, two works by Liszt; single pieces by Rameau and Duquin; and MacDowell's great Keltic sonata. In detail it is as follows:

Gavotte and Variations	*Rameau*
Le Coucon	*Daquin*
Ballad in G minor, Op. 23	*Chopin*
Nocturne in C minor, Op. 48	*Chopin*
Bolero, Op. 19	*Chopin*
Etude in A minor, Op. 25, No. 11	*Chopin*
Sonata Keltic, Op. 59	*MacDowell*
Maestoso	
Semplice et Teneramente	
Molto Allegro con fuoco	
La Campanella	*Liszt*
Rhapsodie VIII	*Liszt*

The time of the concert is three o'clock.

Christ Church Music

The service for the fourth Sunday in Lent at Christ Church next Sunday morning will be as follows:

Organ Prelude	
Processional, Hymn 521	*Bambridge*
Venite	*Randall*
Benedicite	*Jefferies*
Benedictus	*Arnold*
Hymn 564	*Welch*
Offertory Anthem—Hark! Hark, My Soul	*Shelley*
Recessional, Hymn 509	*Elvey*
Organ Postlude	

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John L. Smith

Another of the leaders of Andover life in the past fifty years, in the person of John L. Smith, has been added to the number of prominent Andover men who have been recorded in the death column of the Townsman this winter.

The Townsman has recorded several times within the past year, notices of anniversary occasions where records have been made of the things Mr. Smith has done in Andover life so well worth while. Ten years ago at the close of his work on the Board of Public Works, the Townsman told the story of the seven-year-old boy coming to Andover from Scotland in 1844, his education in Andover public schools and Phillips Academy, his early training in the printery of Warren F. Draper, later at the Riverside Press in Cambridge, later in the ink business with George H. Morrill. A military record that was an honorable one began at the outbreak of the Civil War and closed with the war after five years' service, through promotion that made the private upon enlistment, a Lieutenant at the close. Returning to Andover, Mr. Smith entered the business of groceries and dry goods with Horace P. Beard, and from 1865 up to the present time he has been one of the town's honored business men as the head of the firm afterwards organized in company with Albert S. Manning. A year in the Legislature, many years as chief of the Fire Department, a credit for almost entirely developing the Andover Water System, all help to make up a record of loyal work for the town of Andover, equaled by few men in Andover life.

Added to the strictly public service which Mr. Smith rendered, he also had a large part in other matters which would more directly affect organizations of which he was a member. He was the oldest living trustee of the Andover Savings Bank, he was one of the oldest members and a Past Master of St. Matthews Lodge, an early member of Andover Lodge of Odd Fellows, a staunch supporter of Post 99, G.A.R., and a member of the Loyal Legion.

The writer recalls with a measure of satisfaction seldom felt, the debt which he owes to the inspiration of Mr. Smith's part in training him for public work. He remembers the beginning of his own efforts in the line of public service in Andover, and the opposition which they invariably encountered at that time, from the group of men which Mr. Smith led. It was rather difficult to realize the value, which afterwards became so apparent, of the criticisms, the opposition, and the insistence which Mr. Smith above all others showed in holding the youth in his right place. Looking back upon those times the writer can now see the tremendous importance of that action which oftentimes then seemed to be so slow and conservative, but which was, nevertheless, being worked out with that kind of judgment which for so many years led Andover along the right lines.

Mr. Smith's advice was often impulsively given. He spoke his mind without restraint, he undoubtedly took positions which were costly to his material fortunes, but seen in retrospect all this serves to prove the fine character of the man, and the big work for which he was so capable and which he so freely rendered. He indeed acted well his part and earned high honors for his achievement.

The "One Idea" Issue Again

In a characteristic letter to a recent issue of the Boston Herald, the "one idea" candidate in Andover set forth the same idea as that expressed in recent communications to the Townsman along the line of the similarity existing between the Initiative and Referendum applied to state legislation and an article placed by signatures in a town warrant.

This notion has been so effectively answered in a communication written by a Boston gentleman to the Boston Herald, that we take pleasure in publishing it for the further consideration of some people in Andover who are being misled on this issue.

The Signature Machine

To the Editor of the Herald:

In your paper of February 18, appears a letter from Bernard M. Allen answering my statement that the plan of forcing measures before the voters in the voting booth by signatures collected on a petition violated the fundamental principle of the secret ballot.

Only the importance of the question excuses my burdening your readers with a continuance of this correspondence.

Mr. Allen admits that "the frailty of human nature makes it seem altogether probable" that at least some signatures would be obtained under pressure of some kind, but he says that this would not be so "to any appreciable extent" for two reasons. First, that "practical experience in getting signatures" indicates that "there is no difficulty in obtaining signatures except for the time and expense involved * * * for a signature means merely that the signer is willing that * * * a question should be on the ballot even if he does not expect to cast a favoring vote."

That is exactly the point which I wish to bring out with emphasis. The supporters of these measures wish to collect signatures from men who are easy-going, good-natured and thoughtless enough to sign a paper to force their fellow-citizens to vote on a question in the voting booth, even if the men who sign it do not believe in it or have not thought about it sufficiently even to think that it is a wise measure. They wish to subject all the citizens in the commonwealth to the risk of such carelessly proposed measures being adopted by a majority of those voting on the question in bad weather on election day under the slogan "Trust the People," and their argument is that they can collect signatures easily because men are willing to sign a petition whether they know anything about the subject or not. I do not wish to be understood as sneering in any way at the phrase "Trust the people." For many men it expresses an ideal, and I would not sneer at the ideals of any man. All I wish to do is to have the phrase translated into facts, and Mr. Allen has given us his translation, which I leave to the judgment of your readers.

At the end of his letter Mr. Allen says that the initiation of state measures by petitions resembles the placing of an article in a town warrant by the request of ten signatures of citi ens of the town. With the greatest respect I answer that it does not resemble it in the least. The insertion of an article in a town warrant by ten citizens is for the purpose of bringing that subject up for discussion at an open town meeting in a small community and the citizens who vote on the matter at the meeting come together and discuss the matter orally and openly. Surely it does not need argument to demonstrate the difference between that and the forcing of measures into the voting booth before 638,000 citizens of a state by petitions signed by 25,000 men, where there is no possible opportunity for oral argument before all the persons who vote upon the question.

The difference between a warrant for a town meeting and the initiative and referendum for a great state is a difference not only of degree, but of kind and method, which seems obvious. The probability of careless, prejudiced signatures or signatures under some form of political or social pressure, which may be unexpressed, is infinitely greater when the problem is that of collecting thousands of signatures for an important issue in a state than it is when it is a problem of ten men getting together to submit some local issue for public discussion at a town meeting.

If there is any practical reason in human nature for preserving the secret Australian ballot with all the expense and careful protection which now surrounds it in the voting booth, that same reason applies with the same, if not with added, force to prevent us from constructing a signature machine to be worked through the carelessness or fear of men in the manner described by Mr. Allen. It must be remembered that after a man has signed a petition that petition goes out of his hands. Someone else has control of his signature and he cannot get his signature back without a great deal of trouble, if at all.

FRANK W. GRINNELL

Boston, February 19.
Boston Herald, February 23

Editorial Cinders

Judge Bruce at the Free Church last Tuesday told the Men's Club some good things in his usual frank way without very much equivocation. We don't get much of that kind of direct talk such as Judge Bruce uses, and it is mighty fortunate when we are able to have men of his standing discuss public matters. Here again the Men's Club movement offers the right kind of opportunity.

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On Monday, March 26, there is to be held in the November Club House, under the auspices of that organization, a conference that ought to be valuable in these times when the thoughts of people are directed towards agricultural matters. We may not get out of that meeting, as many practical ideas as will be necessary for the creation of real effective gardens, but it certainly ought to inspire more interest among many people so that the result will be helpful in the campaign that is being waged along so many different lines to make everybody do everything possible to secure two blades of grass this year where only one has grown before.

Basket Shower

A Basket Surprise was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler at their home on Central street on Wednesday night. A very pleasant evening was spent and refreshments were served. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Margaret Summers, Miss Lottie Lawrence, Miss Louise Lawrence, Mrs. Samuel Gillard, Mrs. Robert Gordon of Haverhill, Mrs. Lee and daughter of Salem, Mrs. Gibson, Miss L. Rich, Albert Saunders, Ben Lawrence of Ballardvale, and George Saunders.

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth of New York will speak of the work which is so dear to her—Hope Hall—under the auspices of the King's Daughters in the South Church, Easter evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to hear this wonderful woman, and magnetic speaker.

WOMEN FOR PREPAREDNESS

Special Aid Society for American Preparedness Held Public Meeting Yesterday. Object and Work Explained

The largest audience of women which ever filled the town hall gathered yesterday afternoon at the meeting held to arouse the women of America for preparedness, not for war especially but for efficiency and any emergency that might arise. Nearly five hundred women were present, with here and there one of the sterner sex, but all were impressed by the objects for which the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness is working.

Mrs. Barrett Wendell of Cambridge was the first speaker and she said that while all wanted peace, still the organization which she represented believed in preparedness against war. Both Washington and Adams had said that the country to be safe should at all times be ready for war.

There were other kinds of preparedness, however, besides military, and it was these kinds which the Special Aid Society was interested in and working for. They include industrial, agricultural and social preparedness. This country is in the same state as England was when a few years ago Lord Roberts went through the country, speaking everywhere and urging the people to awake from their sleep and prepare for the time which he knew was coming. His object was to arouse the manly and patriotic spirit of the nation. Nearly everyone is ready to defend and guard his country, but more than that is required, the nation must be prepared.

Mrs. Wendell said that for more than a year the special aid society had been working for preparedness. At the outset the promoters knew very little of what was actually needed and the winter months were spent formulating plans. There was a wide divergence of opinion as to what the society should undertake and she said that some of the suggestions were rather amusing. One woman advised subscribing for an aeroplane while another thought they should interest themselves in pure milk. Finally, however, the Massachusetts Branch was originated and the objects and purposes of the society are, and shall be, to encourage and promote patriotic education, sentiment and service among the people; to aid in the establishment and maintenance of the National Defense.

Mrs. Wendell said the question has often been asked, "What does the Special Aid Society do that the Red Cross does not do already?" She said that the two societies worked in happy co-ordination. There was no antagonism and when any woman expressed her desire to do hospital work she was immediately recommended to the Red Cross. The Red Cross was a great national institution and every woman ought to be a member.

Mrs. Wendell explained that the result of the work of the Special Aid Society was more of a constructive nature and hoped to encourage patriotism by lectures, articles and leaflets, and to inculcate in American women a sense of service for their country. She spoke of the great work German women have done, because of the efficiency system of registration of all the women of Germany. There was now no federal registration of women in the United States, but the Special Aid hoped to accomplish this—to register all women for service.

She also stated the various branches of service which the women might enter, and the choice of a branch in which she had had experience. These branches are agriculture—Farming, fruit raising, poultry raising, market gardening, dairying; Domestic—Care of household, cooking, care of children, mending and sewing, cutting out garments, knitting; Clerical — Book-keeping, shorthand, typewriting; Mechanical — Telegraphy, wireless, motor car driving and repairing; Professional—Physician, dentist, pharmacist, trained nurse, trained attendant, first aid, home nursing, surgical dressings, social service. By getting the women of the country classified under some one of these branches a great step would be taken toward efficiency and preparedness.

Mrs. Wendell told of the work the society had done in organizing girl scout troops and also in helping men to take the training offered at Plattsburg and Plum Island. She also gave an interesting sketch of the work of the Active Corps of the society which numbers one hundred members, each one of whom chooses a branch of service and specializes in that particular branch. She said it was up to American women to live up to their ideals and keep them constantly in view.

Miss Kingman who has recently returned from England showed the practical workings of such a society as Mrs. Wendell represented, in the wonderful service women are doing in England. By the use of the stereopticon the pictures told the story of women's work on the street cars, the railroads, the munition factories, the farms, the fire department, and the hospitals. The work of the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. were fully described and Miss Kingman's story of what rich and poor alike are doing for their country made a deep impression on her audience. But none of these things would have been possible without systematic preparation and organization, and England today is highly organized.

Mrs. Bartlett H. Hayes presided and introduced both speakers, and the Girl Scouts, in uniform, were present.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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The program:

Piano Solo—Sounds from Ireland	Miss Gertrude McCartney
Songs—The Irish have a great day tonight Come back to Erin, Mona Darling	John Buss
Songs—All Erin is calling Rory O'More	Miss Margaret McDonald
Songs—Killarney, My Home The Low-backed Car	Miss Annie Zalla
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DIAZ-DENTON CONCERT

Great Musical Treat Afforded Andover People Last Monday Night. Other Concerts Possible in the Near Future.

Perhaps the largest audience that has attended a musical event in the chapel of Phillips Academy in recent years greeted Messrs. Rafaelo Diaz, tenor, and Oliver Denton, pianist, both of New York city, last Monday evening. The concert was given under the very generous auspices of an alumnus of the school and all those who had the privilege of hearing the concert feel genuinely grateful to the unnamed donor. Both town and school were well represented and it was gratifying to observe that in addition to the number of boys scattered among the visitors on the ground floor the gallery was occupied to the last seat by academy boys. Thus it was clearly demonstrated that a goodly number of boys can be interested in good music, and that this interest can be sustained throughout an entire program lasting an hour and a half for at the conclusion of the programme both Mr. Diaz and Mr. Denton were repeatedly encored, the former responding with, among other things, a charming Spanish serenade, while Mr. Denton played Liszt's "St. Francis walking on the waves." The programme with the exception of an old English love song by Purcell was modern throughout, ranging from such familiar numbers as Massenet's Elegie and Verdi Rigoletto Aria, through the beautiful Brahms, Dvorak, Strauss, and Hildach numbers to the American contemporaries Homer, Rogers, and Speaks. It was especially gratifying to hear Hildrach's "Der Lenz" again and one wished for a more thorough acquaintance with this composer who is too little known in America.

Mr. Diaz, formerly with the Boston Opera company possesses in addition to his beautiful rich tenor a temperament which betrays the blending of Romanic and Teutonic ancestry.

Mr. Denton who spent many years teaching and studying in Berlin is a pianist of fine tone, versatility and technique and one would enjoy hearing him again in his classical programme of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms which he played earlier in the season. His Rachmaninoff prelude (not the familiar one in C sharp minor) and the Scriabin etude were especially interesting.

A still greater audience would greet these artists were they to come to Andover again.

On Tuesday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock in the chapel, the Andover choral Society will sing Maunder's Lenten Cantatafrom "Olivetto Calvary." The assisting soloists will be Everett Collins and Richard Bassett. An admission of 50 cents will be charged except in the case of those holding Associate membership tickets.

Historical Pageant Planned

With the sanction of the President and of the Chairman of the various committees, the Andover Historical Society makes the following announcement.

Believing that at this time when a crisis is threatened any movement which brings our people closer together will be fraught with beneficial results. A Historical Pageant is planned to take place in May. In the event of a National crisis the proceeds above expenses will be devoted to the United States War Relief. If such a crisis does not occur the proceeds will be added to a fund to establish a suitable and permanent home for which the society is working.

FARM GARDEN CONFERENCE

On Monday, March 26, 1917 there will be a Women's Farm and Garden Conference at the November Club under the direction of the Social Science Department. There will be two sessions, 11.30 to 1.00; 2.30 to 4.30. At 1 o'clock a Cafeteria of great variety and tempting price will be served. Plan to come and stay all day. In the morning Mrs. George Pierce of Enfield, N. H. will discuss "Waste-time on a Farm." Miss Edna Cutter, a consulting gardner from Dracut, will speak on "Home Vegetable Gardens this Year." No one interested in Agricultural Preparedness will wish to miss this meeting. In the afternoon Mrs. B. Hammond Tracy will speak on "Tulips, Narcissi and Gladioli." Mrs. Tracy is one of the best known growers of bulbs in this country. At 3.30 o'clock, Miss Mabel Turner, Supervisor of School Gardens in Malden, will speak on "A Practical System of Home Gardens for School Children." There will be a discussion led by Mr. Haynes, Superintendent of Schools of Methuen, and Mr. Sanborn, Superintendent of Schools in Andover.

There will be exhibits in connection with the Conference.

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To Conduct Salem Art Shop

Arthur G. Clark of the local gift shop has taken over the Salem Art Shop located on Essex street opposite the Y. M. C. A. building and assumed proprietorship yesterday. It is an old and well known establishment and has handled the best business of Salem and the North Shore. Mr. Clark will divide his time between the Gift Shop and the Salem Art Shop and promises better service than ever before, particularly in the matter of outside work and advice.

He has secured the services of an expert framer and prompter service on custom work will result. The framing will be done in Salem, but all Andover work will be fitted at the local gift shop. Rush orders for framing will also be cared for here. There is a large demand for gold leaf work and retouching of canvasses at the Salem Art Shop and Mr. Clerk will give this branch his personal attention. The local store will hereafter be open evenings only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Abbot Academy Notes

A very interesting demonstration of Mrs. Florence Fleming Noyes's theory of Rhythmic Expression was given in Davis Hall last Saturday afternoon by two of Mrs. Noyes's teachers, Miss Killinger and Miss Louise Revere Morris. Miss Morris is to be in charge of the lsssons in Rhythmic Expression which are to be established in the school during the spring months.

On Sunday morning Mrs. Helen Weil of Cambridge gave a dramatic reading of a quite remarkable play—one that has been produced lately in London very successfully,—"Joseph the Dreamer," written by Mrs. Percy Dearman, who died not long ago during the typhoid epidemic in Serbia.

Last evening a very charming violin recital was given in Davis Hall by Miss Marie Nichols, teacher of the violin at Abbot Academy. Her program:

Sonata	*Tartini* (1692)
Andante	
Allegretto	
Largo: Allegro	
Sicilia	*Bach* (1685)
Gavotte	*Gossec* (1733)
Old Alsatian Air	*Mofiatt* (1681)
Etude	*Figrillo* (1753)
Rondino	*Beethoven* (1770)
Minuet	*Porpora* (1686)
Polonaise in A	*Wieniawski*
Poeme	*Fibich*
Le Petit Berger	*Debussy*
Berceuse	*Czolt*
Gipsy Dance	*Natchez*

Miss Isabelle Moore, Accompanist

Miss Bailey is very glad to be able to announce a lecture next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock by Baroness Frances Wilson Huard. Mme. Huard, who is well known from her book "My Home on the Field of Honour," will probably speak of her experiences in France during both the early and the later periods of the war.

There will be an admission charge of 50 cents.

THE NEW POST-OFFICE

Opened for Business Yesterday Morning. Description of Building and Equipment. Modern in Every Respect.

Andover's new postoffice on Essex street opened for business yesterday morning. Tuesday night a general invitation to the public was extended by Postmaster McDonald to inspect the new quarters, and many townspeople availed themselves of the opportunity, and were shown over the premises by the clerks in the office.

The building, one story high, is of Fiske tapestry brick and was erected by Philip L. Hardy from plans by John H. Fengill, and is of the regulation government type. A large alcove admits through double doors to a vestibule, and thence through double doors to the lobby. The vestibule and lobby are finished in ash, with natural grain, stained and varnished. Four large double windows on the front and one double window on the west provide ample light for the lobby and wall desks for public use. The walls are painted nile green and the metallic ceiling white, and four indirect lights with white bowls are suspended from the ceiling by heavy triple brass chains.

The postoffice outfit separating the lobby from the postmaster's private office and workroom is of quartered oak, natural finish, and stands 6 feet 7 inches high and is topped with sash and glass work to the ceiling. The letter boxes, directly opposite the main entrance, of small and medium size, are of the Automatic Franklin Keyless type, while the lock drawers are the McLane Key-lock drawers. There are three 18-inch windows marked, money orders and postal savings, registry and stamps. One 30-inch window will serve as a parcel post and rush stamp window as well as for general delivery. There is also a special opening for special delivery letters and when one is deposited, a bell rings until a clerk takes the letter from the receiving box.

The workroom covers 2800 square feet and is well lighted by windows on the side and rear, and also by three roof lights. Mailing cases, carriers' route tables, parcel post and newspaper bag racks, stock cabinets, and wardrobes for clerks and carriers are arranged throughout the workroom to give quick service and afford economy in handling the mail. A room with chairs and table provides for the carriers' comfort when not on duty. The postmaster's office is furnished in ash and equipped with the latest appliances for post-office work. The indirect lighting system is employed throughout the workroom. A large basement affords facilities for storage and also a fire proof vault for supplies.

The office will close as usual at 8 p.m. but the lobby will remain open from 6 a.m. till midnight daily. Bernard L. McDonald and Dr. Donovan of Lawrence are proprietors of the building.

Special Meeting

A brief special meeting of the Andover Public Health Association is called for next Friday afternoon, March 23, 1917, at the home of Dr. Walker, 121 Main street, at five o'clock. Certain changes in the By-Laws will be proposed in accordance with recommendations of the Board of Directors as follows:—

1. The Annual Meeting may be held any time in April.
2. A quorum for meetings of the association shall be seven.
3. The Directors shall elect the officers within ten days after the annual meeting. Officers shall retain their offices until their successors are chosen.
4. The Board of Directors may fill vacancies in offices occurring during the year and may add new directors up to the limit of fifteen.

MARKHAM W. STACKPOLE
President
MRS. GEORGE L. SELDEN
Acting Secretary

Andover, Mass., March 16, '17.

Baseball Cage for Phillips Academy

Preliminary steps have been taken at Phillips Academy for the erection of a baseball cage beyond the football gridiron on Brothers Field which will serve for indoor athletic activities and as a drill hall for students participating in military training. Plans have been submitted by Guy Lowell of Boston for a cage, a small locker building and power plant for heat, which will cost about $50,000. Brick curtain walls, a roof of steel and ground glass, and a springy floor of cinders and earth, similar to those at St. Mark's and Middlesex, are called for in the plans. Money for this building is now being furnished by graduates, and ground will be broken as soon as the total reaches sufficient magnitude. At present all sports, except varsity baseball and track, have been abolished in favor of military drill and even the members of the varsity squads devote some time to drilling. Those who are not participating in the military activities are taking wrestling or swimming as their compulsory athletic work. If the plans are carried out, Andover will have the largest glass-roofed structure of its kind in the country, for the specifications call for a building 130 feet square. The Middlesex cage is 127, feet square, Dartmouth's cage measures 125 feet on all sides, and the St. Mark's cage is 115 feet square. The building would be on a direct line between the football field and the new running track which has just been completed.

"Ma, what is leisure?"

"Leisure is the spare time a woman has in which to do some other kind of work, my dear."

PI ETA THEATRICALS

The Pi Eta society of Harvard University will again visit Andover and on Saturday night, March 24, in the town hall, will present "A Medley of Heirs," written by James W. D. Seymour, President of the Dramatic Club of Harvard, with lyrics by R. Squires '18.

It is being produced for the benefit of the American Red Cross. The play has for an historical basis the exciting times and scenes of two small countries "somewhere in the Balkans," and the plot centers about the efforts of the rulers of these countries to establish and insure a lasting peace between the two countries. While fishing together messengers announce the arrival of an heir to each of the thrones and they immediately arrange a betrothal to clinch the peace compact. Each of the royal dignitaries finds later that the sex of his heir has been mistaken, and their efforts to substitute a person of the proper sex for the real prince and princess result in the many amusing situations which make up the greater part of the play. Things are of course finally righted and it is discovered that the prince and princess have been lovers secretly and incognito the while. A great supply of musical talent is one of the features of the production, many of the members of the University Glee Club being available for parts, while the choruses have shown unusual signs of developing many artistic numbers.

The club has been unusually fortunate in securing the services of George V. C. Lord, who has put across so many highly successful undergraduate productions. A show of particular merit seems at present no idle boast.

Tickets are on sale at the Andover Book Store or may be secured directly from C. R. Farnsworth, Box 117, Cambridge, at $1.00 each. Some seats at 50 cents. Following is the list of the principals in the show.

King Alexis	N. P. Johnson, '17
King Boris	F. Williams, '18
Prince, son of Boris	J. S. Pfaffmann, '17
Princess, daughter of Alexis	B. C. Cartmell, '17
Mr. Hawkins	R. Bushnell, '19
Mrs. Hawkins	A. Hayden, '18
Minister to Alexis	C. R. Larrabee, '19
Minister to Boris	R. Kennedy, '17
Captain of the Guards	D. C. Robinson, '17
Maid of Honor	T. Jenny, '18
Officer to Alexis	L. Bevier, '17

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The productions by the Pi Eta Society have always been of a very high standard and this year's is said to be the best yet. Aside from the merit of the play, however, there should be a full house as all the proceeds will be given to the American Red Cross. Get your tickets now.

Christ Church Notes

On Sunday morning at 10.30, the preacher will be Rev. Appleton Grannis of St. Ann's, Lowell.

The subjects for the Lenten service addresses are as follows: Wednesday 7.45 "Contrasts in the Character of Jesus;" Friday 4.45, "Prayer and the goodness of God."

All those who are interested are invited to the illustrated talk by Miss Burmstead on "Latin America" to be given on Friday night, March 23, at 8 p.m. in the Parish House. There will be no admission or collection. Miss Burmstead is the Division Chairman of the committee on foreigners in Mexico, Brazil, Haiti and Cuba, and her talk will deal with conditions in those countries.

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439 The Stingy Receiver — Abbott
440 Who Goes There! — Chambers
441 Children of the Desert — Dodge
442 A Girl of the Blue Ridge — Erskine
443 The Hiding-Places — French
444 "Pip" — Hay
445 The Heart of Philura — Kingsley
446 Miss Philura's Wedding Gown — Kingsley
447 The Coast of Opportunity — Phillips
448 The Lady of Mystery House — Shedd
449 The Prarie Wife — Stringer
450 The Phoenix — Warren

Andover Guild Notes

On Wednesday evening, March 21, a play entitled "A Case of Suspicion" will be given by the gymnasium girls at the Guild House at 7.45 o'clock. The girls have worked to make this play a success and it is hoped a large audience will be present to enjoy it. The admission will be twenty-five cents. Dancing will be enjoyed after the play.

This is the time of year when clothes are being looked over and sorted, and the Mother's Club of the Guild would be very grateful for contributions to supply their store, which they are successfully conducting this year. Contributions may be sent to the guild at any time.

Farther Lights Banquet

The Farther Lights society of the Baptist church held its annual supper and election of officers Monday night, in the vestry. The supper was served at 6.30 and over thirty young ladies enjoyed the following repast: cold meats, mashed potatoes, olives, hot rolls, fruit salad, fruit gelatine, cake and coffee.

A short entertainment followed consisting of vocal solos by Mrs. Frederic G. Moore and Miss Elaine Wetterberg, and a piano solo by Miss Gertrude Lombard. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Miss Agnes Cumming, president; Miss Elaine Wetterberg, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Lombard, secretary; Miss Addie Davis, treasurer.

The committee in charge of the affair was Mrs. F. G. Moore, chairman; Miss Isabel Shattuck, Miss Margaret Lombard, Mrs. W. E. Lombard, Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Agnes Cumming.

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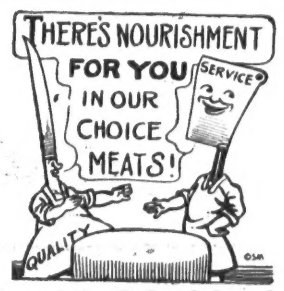
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12.00. Sunday School session.
4.00. Junior Christian Endeavor.
5.00. Minister's Lenten class.
6.30. Senior Christian Endeavor.
6.00 Monday. Reception of King's Daughters to Mrs. Willemina Brown Reed.
6.30 Monday. Banquet to the young women of the Sunday School.
7.45 Tuesday. Castle Excalibur, Knights of King Arthur.
7.45 Wednesday. Church night. Prayer meeting.
2.00. Thursday. Sewing meeting.
7.45 Thursday. Junior Endeavor Social.
8.00. Choir meeting at the home of Mrs. John Richards, Morton street.

WEST CHURCH

Congregational. Organized 1826

Rev. Newman Matthews, Pastor

10.30. Public worship with sermon by the pastor.
12.00. Sunday School.
7.00. C. E. meeting, led by Herbert Carter.
7.00. Service in Osgood District.
2.30 Thursday. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Wright.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Essex Street

Roman Catholic. Organized 1850

Rev. Fr. Riordon, Pastor

Assistants

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6.30 Sunday. Mass and instruction.
8.30. Mass and instruction.
Sunday School to follow.
10.30. High mass and sermon.
2.45. Children of Mary Sodality meeting each Sunday.
3.30. Vespers, rosary, and benediction.
7.30 Thursday. Holy Hour devotion.
First Sunday of month, Communion day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Second Sunday of month, Communion day for Knights of Good Counsel.
Third Sunday of month, Communion day for Holy Name Society.
Fourth Sunday of month, Communion day for Children of Mary.
Holy Name Society meets fourth Monday evening of each month.
Sacred Heart Sodality meets first Friday evening of each month.
Knights of Good Counsel meet second Wednesday evening of each month.
Promoters of Propagation of the Faith, second Thursday evening of each month.
Altar boys meet first Monday evening of each month.

FREE CHURCH

Elm Street

Congregational. Organized 1846

Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, Pastor

10.30. Worship with sermon by Rev. Enoch F. Bell of Boston.
12.00. Church School with pastor's class on Christian doctrine.
3.00. Junior Endeavor.
6.30. Senior Endeavor.
7.45 Monday. Young ladies' Dorcas Circle at home of Mrs. E. E. Perry, Elm street.
7.45 Wednesday. Midweek prayer and conference meeting.
2.00 Thursday. Special sewing meeting of Ladies' Benevolent Society.
7.00 and 7.45. Thursday. Rehearsals of the choirs.

CHRIST CHURCH

Central Street

Episcopal. Organized 1835

Rector, Rev. C. W. Henry

9.00. Holy communion.
10.30. Morning prayer and sermon.
12.00. Church school.
4.00 Wednesday. Children's service; 7.45. Evening prayer and address.
4.45 Friday. Evening service and address.
8.00 Friday. Lecture on Latin America.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY CHAPEL

"On the Hill"

Markham W. Stackpole
School Minister

10.30. Morning service with sermon by Rev. Willis H. Butler, D.D., of the Old South Church, Boston.
11.30. Sunday School at Pearson Hall.
5.15. Vesper service with address by Dr. Butler.
4.45 Wednesday. Recital.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized 1832

Rev. W. E. Lombard, Pastor

10.30. Preaching by the pastor. Special singing.
12.00. Sunday School.
6.30. Christian Endeavor.
7.15 Evening service.
Tuesday. Cottage prayer meetings at Mr. Piddington's, 74 School street, and Mrs. Wetterberg's, Hartigan court.
7.45 Wednesday. Church prayer meeting.
7.45 Friday. Cottage prayer meeting at Miss Edna Chapin's, corner Morton and Chestnut streets.

NORTH PARISH CHURCH

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NEWS OF ANDOVER SUBURBS

BALLARDVALE

Daniel H. Poor spent Sunday with relatives in Dedham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and child are visiting relatives in the village.

Master James Spark spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Frank Howard of Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fischer of Malden have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sherry, Chester street.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck and Miss Minnie Shattuck are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. John Matthews of Salem, N. H.

Rev. Augustus H. Fuller preached a very interesting and practical sermon at the Congregational Church last Sunday forenoon on "Personal Influence."

A good sized delegation of local Christian Endeavorers attended the Biederwolf meeting in the Lawrence Tabernacle last Saturday evening. They reported a very enthusiastic and successful meeting.

A delegation of local Good Templars will attend the Biederwolf meeting in the Lawrence Tabernacle on Saturday evening when by special invitation the Good Templars of Merrimack Valley District will attend in a body. They will meet ing Bugbee Hall at seven o'clock and march to the Tabernacle where reservations have been made for them.

Ballardvale Lodge No. 105, I. O. G. T. held a meeting of special interest Monday evening. One new candidate was initiated. The following named persons were elected representatives and alternates to the Grand Lodge which meets in Boston on April 4 and 5. Representatives: Mrs. R. A. Wilkinson, Mrs. Lizzie S. Barnes; alernates: Mrs. Louis Kibbee, Miss Jessie Nichols.



The Fifty-Pound Cow

A new world's record for all breeds for butterfat production in the seven-day division was established by the pure-bred Holstein-Friesian cow, Segis Fayne Johanna 114658, in a test ending January 8, 1917. This remarkable cow produced 50.68 pounds of butter in seven consecutive days, and the official test was conducted by supervisors from the New York State Agricultural College, Ithaca, N. Y.

Segis Fayne Johanna, by her wonderful achievement, is now the most talked of cow in the world, and her sensational record marks a signal triumph in the forward march of the Holstein-Friesian breed.

She was bred by A. A. Cortelyou, of Somerville, N. J., and her present owner is Oliver Cabana, Jr., proprietor of Pine Grove Farms, Elma Center, N. Y., at which noted establishment four other world's record holders have been developed during the past six months.

The new world's record holder freshened at the age of 8 years, 2 months and 17 days. She is four-fifths white, weighs about 1450 pounds, and is sired by King Fayne Segis 46767. Her dam is Vikina Johanna 64385, a daughter of Johanna Rue 3d's Lad and Vikina Clothilde.

The test was made under perfect conditions, absolute quiet, systematic feeding and milking, and a roomy stall constructed of clean white enameled walls.

Segis Fayne Johanna's seven-day production of over 50 pounds of butter surpasses that of Hester Aaltje Korndyke, the previous world's record holder, by 3.91 pounds. In their present warranted state of elation, enthusiastic Holstein-Friesian breeders over the dairy world at large now marvel at the accomplishment of what was almost impossible and ask, "Where will it end?"

Undisciplined

Officer—What do you mean by feeding that horse before the call sounded?

Recruit—I didn't think as 'ow 'e'd start eating before the trumpet blew, Sir.—Punch.

Don't fool with a cold. Cure it.
HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE
The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents.
At Any Drug Store

WEST PARISH

Mrs. Herbert Merrick was the guest for the week-end with friends in Allston.

J. Warren Mooar is recovering from his recent severe illness.

Miss Dorothy Cutler visited over the week-end with friends in Winthrop.

Miss Martha Macaloney spent several days of this week visiting relatives in Cambridge and Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Snow of Methuen are spending several weeks with Mrs. Ida Shaw of the Osgood district.

The farm known as the Murphy place near C. I. Hood's farms on the River road, will be sold Monday, March 26, at mortgagee's sale.

Tomorrow evening there will be an entertainment and box supper in the Osgood schoolhouse. Those in charge are Walter Shaw, Mrs. Champion, Miss Marion Greenwood and Miss Delia Belisle.

Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock Mr. Lockwood, who works for E. W. Boutwell, saw a brilliantly lighted aeroplane come from the direction of Methuen, go over Dracut and disappear in the direction of Lowell.

Arthur Lewis met with a severe and painful accident while he was cutting wood. The axe went through the stick and into his foot, severing an artery, and necessitating five stitches to close up the wound.

Although the walking was very uncomfortable, more than eighty-five were present at the social held in the vestry last Thursday evening. The entertainment consisted of a piano duet by Miss Marion and Miss Ruth Abbott; and a treat for those present was to listen to several readings by Douglas Crawford—two selections from Alfred Noyes, two from Havid Harum, and a Bible reading; also two vocal solos by Miss Dorothy Cutler. The supper and entertainment were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Granville K. Cutler and Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hardy.

Grange News

The Grange meeting Tuesday evening was very well attended. The lecture hour was taken up with "A talk on hens and chickens," in charge of Mrs. Herbert Merrick. Quite a number took part in the discussion as to the best food for laying hens. Mrs. J. H. Morrill and Mrs. E. W. Boutwell read well-prepared papers on "If I had a thousand dollars to spend in travel, where would I go?" Mrs. Morrill took a trip to California and carried those present with her in her travels to all the places of interest she visited. Although Mrs. Morrill had a delightful trip she was quite enthusiastic when she was homeward bound to New England and Andover. Mrs. Boutwell wanted to spend all her money travelling, so wrote an account of her trip on the back of her ticket which was a very lengthy piece of paper necessary for the long trip she took. She visited the West Indies first, then through the Panama Canal to South America, taking in all the most important places there. Although Mrs. Boutwell had an interesting time she was delighted when she reached Boston even if she did have only money enough to pay for a ticket to Haggett's Pond Station and buy a Boston paper.

Notice was given of the next meeting of the Essex County Pomona Grange which will be held in North Andover Grange hall April 5.

Do not forget the costume party to be held in the Grange hall tonight.

Old Estates

I have been counting up the estates or portions thereof still held in direct line from the original town grants in the first division. Can anyone add more?

John Frye (1), Ben (2) estate held by Mrs. Harriet Fisher in North Andover; house very old; same site.

George Abbott (1), John (2); new house held by George Abbott on Central street, South parish; same site.

George Abbot (1), Timothy (2), estate held by Elizabeth Abbott, wife of Sam Henry Bailey; a new house opposite oldest site.

Alice Gray from Robert Gray whose wife was Hannah Holt, who got her dower lots from her father. This is unique as the original from two lines always carrying a descendant in direct line of Holt and Gray; new home opposite old site.

Nicholas Holt (1), Sam (2) part of his layout held by Brooks Holt; new home. Miss Sarah Sawyer holds the original site of Sam (2) so far as we have got, and possibly Miss Gray will get it added to her Holt-Gray land some time.

Richard Barker (1), William (2), estate held near the original legacy from father by Jacob Barker of North Andover on the Boxford line. The oldest site was on the hill back of Jacob's, burned years ago, while the original of Richard (1) was the Greenwood lot at the head of the pond, corner of Clark and the trolley road to Haverhill. I can find no other Barker place here held beside Jacob's as yet in line. George Abbott, Jacob Barker, Brooks Holt are held in the male lines; the others in the female line in this last generation as per prophecy. Seldom does more than the tenth stick to the old acres; the world's call is too strong.

Another estate was passed back to the John line Abbott through the female branch. George (1) Abbott, Ben (2), Ben (3), daughter Sarah (Abbott) Holt, sent a line to New Hampshire that intermarried with the John Abbott (2) line. A grandchild Abbott came back to be heir of the last Holt owner on the place, line of John (2) Abbott holds; therefore the Mary Abbott place, so called. I did not know exactly how to class this one Abbott-Holt estate, but send it in as a puzzle for genealogists who understand the force of "Direct line" better than I do.

Ben Abbott (2) son David got from his mother, the widow, about 1720 the farm at Merrimac Corners that was taken over from Col. Dudley Bradstreet's grant by his grandfather. So I did not include this purchased estate of land, though the Captain Jonathan Abbott (4), daughter Phebe (5), holds by the Shattuck heirs the old estate of David (3), across the road from the newest house. I was tracing lands not blood now.

The Jonathan (3) jplace was gone, given to her son Jonathan after she bought of the Buzzell and Preston heirs who left for Connecticut two farms, so that set of farms were not in the old grants. I have the gift by deed original paper in 1723 to Mr. Jonathan Abbott, my own line. The question of what is the age of the Mary Alice Abbott farm held in the female line is not fully settled.

From material in the way of deeds already studied and many more to be looked up, my opinion now is that Widow Sarah, after the death of her husband in 1703, took over the administration of her estate. She was a wise Farnum, (mother a Holt), had advice very likely. Boys did what she said. Sam the bachelor, was living with his brother Ben on the homestead by one deed, mother with him, sold to Unc'e Tom Abbott (2) on the Baker farm, the land that as described near their home—seems to be nearer the bridge in Abbott Village, the Ballard Mills (the present Smith & Dove site), the Red Spring pasture, called the "Street pasture" to describe it. Some time after Sarah took over William Ballard (2) place in 1707, at the Mary Alice Abbott site, she had been living with her son, Sam the bachelor on it, in what may prove a house ranging as to age, from 1691 to 1727, or a new one built after she gave it to her son Ben (3) (Sam did not marry until 1735 near death of his mother very likely) which we can't find as she had no probate giving her estate before death. Some time after he had got the house where his mother lived at her death, he transferred it to his brother Ben; the deed I have yet to secure if I am correct. My impression is that the river crossed the homestead and the meadow beyond, went up to the Foster estate then then a Ballard place. The deed is in the wrong set somewhere. Much remains to be done to get the true standing of this estate as to age originally Chandler, next Ballard, 3rd Abbott, 4th Holt. Now again Abbott.

C. H. A.

Not the Same Thing

Client—How much will your opinion be worth in this case?

Lawyer—I am too modest to say. But I can tell you what I'm going to charge you.

ABBOTT VILLAGE

Mrs. William Christie of Brechin Terrace visited friends in Methuen last week.

David Nicoll of Shawsheen road is ill in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Robert Christie of Brechin Terrace has returned to work after an attack of grippe.

Mrs. James Ruxton of Shawsheen road has entered the employ of the Smith & Dove Company.

Miss Margaret Murphy of Red Spring road has gone to North Andover to reside with her brother Frank.

Miss Frances Angus of Red Spring road is visiting at the home of her brother Frederick in Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. Alexander Skea and daughter Ella of Methuen visited at the home of Mrs. Robert Valentine on Brechin Terrace.

Miss Helen Scannell of Red Spring road visited at the home of Miss S. Cummings in Newfield, N. H., last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Margaret Bryan of Brechin Terrace spent the week end at the home of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore in Methuen.

Miss Catherine McCarthy is convalescent at her home on Red Spring road after undergoing a successful operation at the Lawrence General Hospital last week.

The Juvenile Templars held a well attended meeting Tuesday evening. The good of the Order was entirely given over to the singing of American songs. The children are preparing diligently for their play and have had several rehearsals already. Next week a spelling contest will be held.

Andover United Football Club held a meeting in the Village hall Monday evening. Reports of officers were heard. It was decided to discontinue the club rooms in the Village during the spring and summer months. President Anderson expects to start playing again before the month is out.

NAVAL GUNNERS FOR OUR SHIPS

Official Announcement of Arming of Merchantmen

MUNITION CARRIERS INCLUDED

Official Statement of Attitude of American Government Made to Foreign Diplomats by State Department, Which Holds That Merchantmen Have Not Warship Status

Washington, March 13.—An "armed guard" for the protection of vessels and lives of persons aboard will be placed on all American merchant ships, sailing through Germany's barred area, the state department notified all foreign diplomats in this city.

The official notice will serve to warn submarines of the allied powers as to America's intentions. British undersea boats, however, are understood to be operated only under convoy, hence there is little likelihood that the armed ships will make mistakes as to recognizing the nationality of submarines.

The following statement was presented to the foreign diplomats for "their information:"

"In view of the announcement of the imperial German government, on Jan. 31, 1917, that all ships, those of neutrals included, met within certain zones of the high seas, would be sunk without any precautions being taken for the safety of the persons on board and without the exercise of visit and search, the government of the United States has determined to place upon all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred areas an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board."

The state department gave out the copy of this statement shortly after Secretary Lansing had conferred at the White House with President Wilson.

"The armed guard" will be American navy gunners. The official statement shows, too, that it is the intention of the government to arm not only passenger steamers, but also to provide guns and navy gunners for munition ships.

The statement to the foreign diplomats cleared up definitely the question of whether navy gunners would be used.

The state department holds that the presence of these men aboard will not give the vessels the status of warships. The vessel becomes a warship only when used definitely for that purpose, the department rules.

The state department held that regardless of whether or not secret orders were issued to the gunners, armed merchant ships could not be classed as warships, though Germany has claimed that Great Britain's secret orders made her armed ships actual war vessels.

While the state department was making this definite announcement, presumably at the direction of President Wilson, the navy department was refusing any details as to its plans.

American inventive genius, it is known, however, has been called upon to give aid in protecting American ships venturing forth soon into Germany's barred death area.

United States inventors are trying to design methods of sheltering merchantmen from all German undersea boats. These new inventions will be installed in the armed vessels provided they meet with government approval.

What the plans are will be withheld for military reasons, but it is admitted a perfected smoke screen may be one means employed. British ships now use such a device—artificial smoke from chemicals—that hides a vessel behind an impenetrable screen.

Electric methods of detecting submarines, improving upon the present microphone attachments, may be invented. But in keeping with the administration's plan of secrecy, no details will be announced lest German inventors be placed at work to overcome the American advantage.

The work of arming merchantmen should occupy only a few more days and then American commerce will be freed from the bonds that have kept it shivering in American harbors.

PLEDGE OF GOVERNORS

New England Backs President In Plans For Preparedness

Boston, March 14.—The governors of five New England states sat with Governor McCall of Massachusetts in the council chamber of the state house yesterday afternoon and discussed plans for placing New England on a war footing.

The most significant event of the meeting was the adoption of the following declaration bearing the signatures of the governors of all the New England states:

"We, the undersigned governors of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, hereby pledge our support and the support of our respective states to the President of the United States in carrying out his announced policy to protect American lives and property upon the high seas.

"To the end that this may be effectively accomplished, and that we may be able to defend American ships and American rights and the honor and integrity of our country, we urge upon the national government the supreme importance of recruiting the army and navy to a war footing, and the immediate manufacture of ample military supplies and equipment and their speedy distribution among the depots in the various states, so that in case of need they may be instantly available.

"It is our profound conviction that the practical preparation which is necessary to enable even our present small army and navy to fight should be prosecuted with all possible vigor.

"Therefore, we urge upon the national government the necessity of making forthwith the most energetic preparation for our national defense upon land and sea.

GERARD IS MUM

Lips of Ambassador Sealed at Request of the President

Washington, March 15.—Ambassador Gerard and his party reached the end of his 7000-mile journey from Berlin to Washington yesterday afternoon. They were met at the station here by a large crowd of cheering spectators, friends, relatives, government officials and newspaper men. Gerard was in happy spirits, as was every member of his party.

Immediately upon arrival Gerard was given a memorandum from the White House, suggesting that he continue to make no comment whatever on the German situation until after he had transmitted his full report to the state department and President Wilson.

Gerard reported to the state department that when he left there was every evidence that Germany fully intended carrying out her ruthless submarine campaign, regardless of the prospect of war with the United States, and that talk of peace had been abandoned.

Gerard did not see President Wilson because the president is still confined to his room, but he conferred at length with both Secretary Lansing and Counsellor Polk and went over with them in detail events leading to the break in diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

SEIZES SIX MERCHANTMEN

China Formally Severs Diplomatic Relations With Germany

Washington, March 15.—Diplomatic relations between China and Germany were broken by China yesterday, according to an official message to the navy department.

The Chinese government has seized all the German merchant vessels, about six in number, in Shanghai harbor, and the crews have been sent ashore. Armed guards have been placed aboard the vessels.

The message came from the senior naval commander in Chinese waters.

Shortly after receiving the navy message the state department received the following message from Minister Reinsch: "China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany. German minister will be handed passports today."

Feeling against Germany has run high, not only because scores of Chinese on the way to Europe have lost their lives through German submarine operations, but from memory of the kaiser's order to his Boxer punitive force to make the word German dreaded in China for a century, and the seizure by Germany of the whole province of Shantung for the murder of two missionaries.

MIND WAS UNBALANCED

Portland Man Fatally Shoots Two Men and Himself

Portland, Me., March 12.—Charles Riebe, who was shot Saturday night by Joseph Mullen, died Sunday, making the third victim of the shooting affray. Riebe was shot down at the time his companion, Joseph Thornton, was killed by Mullen, who then shot himself with fatal effect.

The shooting occurred while Mullen was temporarily unbalanced through brooding over his recent loss of employment, the police believe. Riebe was married only three months ago. He was employed in the rolling mills at South Portland and had previously served in the United States cavalry and Forty-ninth company coast artillery.

British Chasing Turks

London, March 15.—The British forces operating against the Turks along the Tigris river, at last reports had reached a point thirty miles above Bagdad and were still pursuing the Turks. The British forces fighting in France are knocking hard at the gates of Bapaume.

Policeman Accidentally Shot

Nashua, N. H., March 15.—Charles F. Delorney, a policeman, was accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded at headquarters by Police Inspector Dean, while the latter was examining a revolver used in target practice.

Sixteen Dirigibles For the Navy

Washington, March 13.—Purchase of sixteen non-rigid dirigible airships for coast and harbor patrol work, at a total cost of $649,250, was announced by the navy department.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY

New Books Added During February

CROTHERS. PLEASURES OF AN ABSENTEE LANDLORD
A collection of essays on literary subjects, on the "irresponsible" reading of history, and on education, among other topics. The author mingles his wisdom and humor in his own delightful way and ends with some sensible thoughts on the "Strategy of Peace." —824 C88p

CUNLIFFE, COMP. POEMS OF THE GREAT WAR.
A collection of great interest to those who are following the effect of the war on literature. The poems are as varied as the men who produced them —men from Australia, Canada, India, Great Britain and the United States, and they produce an effect on the intellect and the emotions that the most seasoned reader cannot wholly escape. —821.08 C91

HALE. WE DISCOVER THE OLD DOMINION.
Account of a motor trip from New York City to White Sulphur Springs, across Virginia to Norfolk and home, written in a light-hearted, happy manner, and containing much interesting information. —917.55 H13

McPHERSON. HOW THE WORLD MAKES ITS LIVING.
Begins with the biological foundation of life and traces the development of man's economic progress, with a final chapter on the goal of his endeavor. Treats most of the topics covered in works on economics accurately, and in a commendably simple, lucid and untechnical fashion. —330 M24

HERRICK. INSECTS OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE.
Discusses the principal pests of our fruits, vegetables, cereals, farm animals, shade-trees and of the household, giving a brief summary of the life habits of each, and the latest methods of control. Gives formulae for making and applying insecticides. —632 H43

Other Books Added to the Library

Beard. Jolly book of playcraft. —680 B381p
Gilbert. Ambitious woman in business. —396 G37
Lodge. Raymond, or Life and death. —134 L82r
Mademoiselle Miss. —940.9 M26
Page. Judson, the hero of Burma. —92 J921
Park. The children's bread. —252 P22c
Sharp. Practical electric wiring. —621.3 S53
Speer. Memorial of Horace Tracy Pitkin. —92 P683
Utter. Every-day words and their use —424 U93
Goodrich. Sign of freedom.
Grenfell. Tales of the Labrador.
Harris. Circuit rider's widow.
Mundy. King of the Khyber rifles.
Neilson. Strong man's house.
Smith. Other people's business.
White. El Supremo.

What Did She Know

At an evening party the hostess had coaxed a protesting guest to sing. After the song she went up to him smiling, "Oh, Mr. Jenkins," she said, "you must never tell me again that you can't sing — I know now!"—Argonaut

DRY GOODS MARKET

This is what the Drp Goods Economist, a recognized authority in its field has to say as to the conditions in textile and allied lines:

The extent to which the producing capacity of many mills may be called upon by the United States Government in case of war and the curtailment of exports and imports by indiscriminate submarine activities on Germany's part are factors of supreme importance in the forecasting of merchandise supply and prices. Significant in this connection was the withdrawal this week of their fall lines by large woolen and worsted mills, though this action was quickly considered and announcement made that orders would again be accepted until the Government's requirements became known.

It is clear that the supplying of the Government's military and naval needs would curtail the supply and thus raise the prises of cloths, woolen dress goods and blankets, of knit underwear and hosiery whether of cotton or of wool, and of cotton ducks and other facrics. It would also increase the consumption of cotton through the output of canvas or tent purposes.

This upward tendency might be offset in part by the lessening of exports, especially in the case of knit goods, while the hampering of raw cotton shipments would tend to keep down the price of that staple.

On the other hand, increasd ddifficulties in the importation of wool will enhance the value of fabrics made from that fiber.

Despite these vital considerations, buyers in the New York market—and they are here in great numbers—have made no change in their buying policy. In other word,s they are providing for their needs with about the same degree of caution as freedom, to coin a phrase, as of late. For example, buyers of women's garments made of woolen and worsted fabrics, in which line the price tendency seems to be so clearly upward and there is possibility of scarcity, evince no inclination to provide for more than their immediate needs.

Incidentally, in suits and coats, buyers are now giving their principal attention to garments for street wear, having bought the sports stuff on their earlier trips. Buyers of dresses are not stocking up either, despite the longer time required for the making of garments on account of the intricacy of cut and the large amount of embroidery employed.

In the cotton goods field the most important development is the reduction in the price of yarns. Prices theron had reached an unreasonable point as a result of speculation, and with the drop in raw cotton holders of yarns grew anxious and cut their prices to the extent of 6 or 8 cents per pound, while in some instances the cut was as hish as 10 or 12 cents

This change should be of decided aid to manufacturers of knit goods, most of whom are large consumers of cotton yarns.

In the woven cottons market there has been a recession of 2½ per cent on gray cloths, following the 5 per cent drop reported last week. These changes apply, however, only to contracts to be delivered after April or May, to which date most of the mills are sold up.

Prices for finished cottons and for brown cottons sold under brands are practically unchanged. Jobbers report that they have not yet delivered 50 per cent of the percales and certain other cotton goods they have sold, on account of the inability to get the goods from the mills.

Manufacturers of wool and worsted dress goods continue to deny to buyers all the goods the latter would like to order. A prominent manfacturer of broadcloths, in starting his fall selling, has apportioned a certain number of pieces to each of his salesmen.

In silks large buyers who are preparing to operate for fall are willing to place orders at today's prices, feeling that at the present prices for raw silk manufacturing costs will increase by 5 to 10 per cent. Small mills, which feature quality rather than large production are taking orders for fall at an advance of from 5 to 10 per cent over the prices for the present season, which were made last July.

Certain silks, notably crepes de Chine and sports fabrics such as printed tussahs, are in short supply, especially in the most desirable colors and patterns

Speculative prices for raw silks in Yokohama receded when it was learned there that the United States had severed diplomatic relations with Germany. The Bourse in that city, however, wherein silk futures are traded in, was closed and at this writing no news of its having been reopened has been received. Importers of raw silk say that this will have no bearing on prices.

In the dress accessories field the new situation has created great uneasiness among glove importers, especially because of the interference with mails and the probable shortage of transatlantic shipping facilities. Anxiety also prevails, especially among the manufacturing trade, as to the importation of plain nets and of some kind of laces.

In other dress accessories lines buying has proceeded with the great activity which is to be expected at this period of the season. The lines that are particularly active are ribbons, veilings, women's neckwear and dress trimmings.

With numerous buyers in the New York market, the movement in millinery

There is a marked improvement in the demand for corsets. As is well known, purchases have been made on a very conservative basis for the last two seasons. To-day, however, corset buying is about equal to that which prevailed up to a year ago.

An Expert Cook

"How many ways can you serve meat?"
"Three, mum."
"What are they?"
"Well done, rare and raw."

Careless

Theatre Office Boy—Mr. Binks has called, sir, for his five-act drama.

Manager—Great Scott! I gave it to the property man yesterday to tear up for a snowstorm.—London Opinion.

You've hit the right tobacco

when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. *And you know it!* Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made *right;* made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and *cuts out* bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with



It's an easy job to change the shape and color of unsalable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, *but it is impossible* to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

PRINCE ALBERT
the national joy smoke

You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about, it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue *at the same time*—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert!

Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting your cheerful visit. Buy it in toppy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound humidors—and—in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco so fit!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

HAD SERVED MANY YEARS IN CONGRESS

Sulloway of New Hampshire Succumbs to Pneumonia

Washington, March 12.—Representative Cyrus A. Sulloway, the veteran member of congress from New Hampshire, whose service dates back to the Fifty-fourth congress in 1894, died here Sunday of pneumonia at the age of 78 years. For the last twenty-two years he had served in every congress with the exception of the Sixty-third.

The funeral will be held at Manchester, N. H. Speaker Clark will appoint a committee of representatives to attend the funeral.

The death of Sulloway cuts the Republican total in the house down to 214, a tie with the present Democratic strength.

Sulloway enjoyed for years the reputation of being the tallest man in the house, standing 6 feet 4½ inches and weighing around 300 pounds.

He was born at Grafton, N. H., June 8, 1839. His family had been identified with affairs of the Granite State since the early Colonial days. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1863.

He served as a private in a New Hampshire regiment for a short time in the Civil war.

BACKED BY TRAINMEN

Brotherhood Will Strike Unless Railroads Grant Their Demands

New York, March 15.—An appeal to the patriotism of the members of the four great railroad Brotherhoods to refrain from any "rash movement" which would bring on industrial warfare in the present national crisis was made here by the national conference committee of railways on the eve of the conference today with the chiefs of the trainmen's organizations. There were additional indications, however, that the Brotherhoods were determined to call a strike unless their demands were granted.

After a meeting here with several hundred general chairmen and chairmen of the locals in the Brotherhood organizations on lines entering New York, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced that unanimous support had been voted the Brotherhood chiefs in the demands they intended to make at today's conference.

These demands, he said, would be based on the modified demands of last December, which called for a basic eight-hour work day and pro rata pay for overtime.

DEATH CLAIMS DUCHESS

Wife of Duke of Connaught Had Been Ill Since February

London, March 15.—The Duchess of Connaught died last night. As late as yesterday afternoon the duchess was conscious and able to recognize members of her family who were gathered at her bedside.

The wife of the Duke of Connaught, uncle of King George and former governor general of Canada, was sick with a bronchial attack last February, and during her convalescence bronchial pneumonia developed. She had been seriously ill for the past several days.

The duchess was married to the Duke of Connaught, third son of Queen Victoria, on March 13, 1879. She was born July 25, 1860, and had two daughters and one son. One daughter is the crown princess of Sweden, the other the popular "Princess Pat."

Schlatter Guilty of Fraud

Los Angeles, Cal., March 13.—Francis Schlatter, self-styled divine healer, was found guilty on a charge of using the mails to defraud. "Prince" August Schrader, co-defendant in the case, died soon after the start of the trial.

Dies at Age of 115

Newburg, N. Y., March 15.—Abdour Hopshe died at his home here, aged 115. His family attests that he was born in Tripoli in 1802.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Quotations given here are strictly wholesale, and retailers must expect to pay more for small lots:

Butter—Northern creamery extras, 40@40½c; western creamery extras, 39½@40c; western firsts, 37½@38c; renovated, 33½@34c; ladles, 28½@30c.

Cheese—York state, 24@26½c; Young America, 26@26½c.

Eggs—Fancy hennery and nearby, 36@37c; eastern and western extras, 35@36c; western prime firsts, 34@34½c; western firsts, 33@33½c.

Apples—Baldwins, $2.50@5; Northern Spy, $2.75@4.50; Ben Davis, $2.50@3.25; russets, $2.50@3.50.

Potatoes—Maine, $5.50@6.50 per 2-bu bg; in bulk, $2.75@2.90 bu; sweets, $2.35 bskt.

Poultry—Turkeys, fancy western, 32@34c; northern fowl, 22@24c; western fowl, 19@24c; western broilers, 26@28c; western roasters, 25@28c; ducks, 20@22c; native green geese, 22@24c; squab, $3@6 doz; pigeons, $2@2.25 doz.

BAY STATE NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

Happenings In Various Parts of the Commonwealth

The body of Mrs. Mary Bowles, 58, was found in Boston harbor.

The lighter Bessie J. sank at Boston. The vessel had 600 tons of coal aboard.

While listening to an address in a Lynn church, Mrs. Eveline A. Drown, 58, dropped dead.

Six persons were injured and the Boston financial district was given a fright by manhole explosions.

George Castilloux, 10, while coasting down a hill at Fall River, collided with a runaway horse and was killed.

Salvatore Cremona, on trial for the murder of Aristides Rodrigues at Leeds, was found guilty by a jury.

Joseph D. Fallon, judge of the South Boston district court for more than forty years, died at the aged of 79.

Removal of the state prison from Charlestown to Bridgewater was favored in a hearing before the public institutions committee at the state house.

Organization of Massachusetts women, who are ready to come to the aid of the United States in the event of war, is proceeding on a vast scale.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Maranville, wife of Walter J. Maranville, shortstop of the Boston Braves, died at Springfield from a complication of diseases.

Schooner Estelle Kreiger sailed from Boston for the west coast of Africa with the greatest single load of rum ever sent from that port—800,000 gallons.

An effort again to open the cellar basements for occupancy by the people in the congested districts of Boston was stopped in its first stage in the legislature.

Every man, from the highest official down to the last track greaser, is included in the non-drink edict issued by President Brush of the Boston Elevated Railway company.

Tons of clams and lobsters, dragged from their ocean homes by a storm, were cast up on the shores of Hull and North Scituate and other waterfront places along the south shore.

The license of a Boston sausage factory was revoked as the sequel to a raid that yielded a barrel of tainted meat, sawdust sweepings and other refuse intended to be made into sausage.

Citizens of Milton voted to raise the wages of practically every laborer, fireman and policeman, and appropriated large sums for the maintenance and improvement of town property.

Armed with cans of kerosene, five women entered a Malden grocery store and poured the contents over a window full of fruit and bags of potatoes because the proprietor had sold potatoes.

Tax solicitors in aproximately half the cities and towns of the state are about to face suits, brought by the attorney general, to recover uncollected taxes for the year 1913 and prior thereto.

Stelianos Zacharachi, who shot and killed Charles W. Craney in the dining room of the Essex hotel, Boston, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to prison for life.

Bleeding from two serious wounds in his body, after he had been shot by Rocco Santol, 42, at Boston, Patrolman Frank J. Shepherd drew his revolver and fired at Santol, fatally wounding him.

A $60,000,000 mortgage on all the property of the United States Rubber company is to be recorded in eight cities and towns in Massachusetts in which factories owned by the corporation are located.

A reward of $300 was offered by the Lynn municipal council for information that would lead to the arrest of Ismael Ismael, a gunman, who shot and killed "Jimmie" Chakardis and injured Stratis Erexinis.

Plans for the establishment of a bureau of information and research by each city in the state were made at the meeting of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts at Boston. Mayors were present from all over the state.

A group of straggling children, flaunting foth a banner bearing the inscription "We Are Hungry," led a parade of 1500 men, women and children through the streets of Boston in protest against the high cost of living.

Anna C. Ames, widow of the late Oliver Ames, thirty-fifth governor of Massachusetts, died at her Boston home. She was in her 77th year. Mrs. Ames was known throughout the state for her work as the "friend of children."

If a millionaire wants a private yacht to take his bride honeymooning, he doesn't have to charter one; he just buys all staterooms on a passenger ship. This was the method of Philip Byrd, Jr., who, with his bride, sailed aboard the steamship Limon from Boston to Costa Rica.

Eli A. Lithgrow, 65, a Lawrence merchant, died on a trolley car while on his way to Haverhill.

Dr. Timothy Leary was reappointed medical examiner for Suffolk county by Governor McCall.

Massachusetts has 1,406,913 Catholics, according to the 1917 issue of the Official Catholic Directory.

Boston will spend $7,362,974 on its schools this year, according to the budget passed by the school board.

The Wells-Odell Novelty company of Lynn filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities are $13,026.

Mrs. Theresa Wild, 55, died at Cambridge from injuries sustained when she was run over by a street car.

John G. Hawley, 38, was held at Boston, charged with manslaughter, in connection with the death of John T. Holland, 41.

Charles Rollins, 19, and his brother, 21, are held at Boston, charged with the murder of Ordway R. Hall, manager of a tea store.

John Kelly, 58, of Waltham, who had been mising for several days, was found dead from exposure in a cow barn at Watertown.

This month marks the fifth anniversary of the granting of a college charter to Wheaton college at Norton, formerly Wheaton seminary.

Telegrams to President Wilson pledging support of a firm diplomatic policy were sent by the faculty and administrative officers of Harvard university.

Mayor Donnell startled the Peabody city council by submitting an estimated tax rate of $12 per thousand, almost cutting in half the $22.60 rate of last year.

Three hundred thousand dollars' compensation by the federal government for use of the new dry dock which is being built at Boston is now an assured fact.

Captain Harry C. Hill, who retired from the Haverhill police force after thirty-one years of service, was presented with a purse of gold by his former associates.

As a result of burrowing its way into a pillow beside its sleeping mother, the 6-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Dewey of Worcester was suffocated.

For "publicly and contemptuously insulting the American flag, or representation thereof," Augustus von Hagen was fined $100 by Judge Logan in a Boston court.

Framingham citizens are co-operating with the community health station, established to make Framingham a "health utopia," and for which $100,000 is available.

The armed British merchant steamer Devonian arrived at Boston with a $3,000,000 cargo, the most valuable one brought to that port to date through the U-boat barred zone.

A monkey was among the animal patients treated at the dispensary of the Angell Memorial animal hospital, Boston. In the past month 241 animals were entered in the hospital.

District Attorney Pelletier declared that "the circumstances in many of the deaths from gas in Boston lead to the suspicion that gas is a menace to human life for human habitations."

Chief Hurley and Fireman Mahoney were overcome by chlorine gas at a fire in the stock house of the Germania mills, Holyoke, making cloth for the United States government.

Illuminating gas fumes from a large storage tank which had overflowed hung low over part of the city, causing much discomfort and necessitating the closing of two New Bedford schools.

Mayor Stewart McLeod of Brockton submitted to the amputation of his right foot at a hospital. The trouble started with a frostbite and hardening of the arteries and decay followed.

The city of Lowell clamped an attachment of $40,000 on the Lowell Trust company in the action to collect interest amounting to $29,600 from the trust company during the last sixteen years.

A 10 percent wage increase for 13,000 shoe workers was announced by the Brockton Manufacturers' association. The new scale will add $1,300,000 annually to the payroll of Brockton factories.

The congregation of the Cliftondale Methodist church became greatly excited just as a service was about to commence when the great bell in the tower broke from its fastenings and dropped. No one was injured.

Mayor Williams of Waltham declares that three men employed as city laborers informed him that they would kill him if he vetoed an order passed by the aldermen giving them a Saturday half-holiday the year round.

John Keenan, 87-year-old hermit, sick and suffering from exposure, was taken from his tumble-down shack at Salisbury Beach. His condition is serious. So far as known, Keenan association with no one for more than forty years.

Firemen struggling for entrance into a Boston building to fight a fire were suddenly and forcefully repelled by a heavy voltage of electricity with which the steel girders in the building's walls, its steel fire shutters and metal waterspouts were found to be charged.

TWENTY SHOTS FAILED TO HIT

Germans Finally Destroy the Algonquin With Bombs

CARRIED A $1,700,000 CARGO

Captain of American Ship Says No Warning Was Given and Submarine Commander Refused to Tow Crew Toward Land After They Had Taken to Boats

London, March 15.—The American steamship Algonquin, with ten Americans aboard, was sunk unwarned by a German submarine with a loss of vessel and cargo valued at $1,700,000.

United States Consul Stephens at Plymouth reported the sinking of the Algonquin in the following dispatch to his government:

"Steamer Algonquin of New York, from New York for London with foodstuffs, sunk by German submarine sixty-five miles west of Bishop's (Rock) March 12, 6 p. m. Captain reports vessel not warned and sunk by shell fire. Crew of twenty-seven all saved in boats. Submarine refused assistance. No other boats in sight."

Captain Nordberg of the Algonquin is now at Penzance. In an interview Nordberg said that the Algonquin was bound from New York for London with foodstuffs.

"On Monday morning," he said, "just after daylight, I was on the bridge. It was the mate's watch. I saw two steamers, apparently colliers, steaming west, one on the starboard and the other on the port side. Two minutes later the mate called my attention to another object, and I said: 'I think it is a submarine.'

"The submarine was about two miles distant, as were also the steamers. Immediately I saw the flash of a gun and a shell fell short. At once I stopped the engines and then went full speed astern, indicating this by three blasts on the whistle. The submarine kept on firing, the fourth shot throwing up a column of water which drenched me and the man at the wheel. It was a close thing.

"The fifth shot struck the ship's side and the next went aft. The submarine was using two guns. Twenty shots were fired at us. I ordered the crew to the boats and we pulled away two ship's lengths. All this time the submarine was firing at us. Some of the shots came very close.

"Once we were in the boats the Germans ceased firing and the submarine dived. Later we saw the periscope, which circled the Algonquin half a dozen times, then, finding her abandoned, the submarine came to the surface and her crew boarded the steamer.

"The first thing done was to lower the American flag. Then I concluded they were going to sink my ship. Ten minutes after, I heard the crackle of an explosion and saw smoke. They had blown the ship up with bombs. In fifteen minutes the Algonquin had sunk.

"The submarine was flying the German ensign. Her commander asked my name, nationality, destination and cargo of the ship, which had the American colors painted on her side and flew the American flag day and night. I asked him to tow us toward land, but he refused, saying 'I'm too busy; I expect a couple of other steamers.'

"The weather was fine and the sea smooth. After being twenty-seven hours in the boats we reached Scilly, without seeing a vessel of any kind."

Elections in Maine

Bangor, Me., March 13.—The Republicans re-elected Mayor J. F. Woodman in this city. Brewer Republicans elected C. W. Curtis, mayor. E. F. Hanson, Democrat, was elected mayor of Belfast. H. C. Banks, Democrat, was elected mayor of Biddeford.

Labor Is Loyal to Country

Washington, March 13.—Organized labor in America, through its representatives in conference here last night, offered its services to the country in every field of activity if, despite all endeavors and hopes, the United States should be drawn into war.

British Capture Bagdad

London, March 12.—General Maude, in command of the entente forces in Mesopotamia, telegraphed the welcome news for the British of the occupation Sunday of the city of Bagdad, the chief Turkish city in Mesopotamia.

Thaw Held to Be Insane

Philadelphia, March 14.—Mrs. Mary C. Thaw won the first skirmish in her battle to keep her son out of the clutches of the New York state authorities when a sheriff's jury adjudged Harry K. Thaw insane.

Carranza Elected President

Mexico City, March 12.—General Venustiano Carranza was elected president of Mexico by what is believed to have been the largest vote ever cast in the republic.

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BALLARDVALE

UNION CONGREGATIONAL
Rev. A. H. Fuller, Pastor

10.30. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Sunday School to follow.
6.00. Y.P.S.C.E.
7.30 Thursday. Prayer meeting.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
Rev. F. A. Everett, Pastor

10.30. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Topic, "Bondage and Deliverance."
6.15. Epworth League.
7.00. Praise service with address by pastor. Topic, "God's Wondrous Love."
7.30 Thursday. Prayer meeting.

Mrs. William G. Brown is quite ill at her home on Andover street.

A number of the local Good Templars will attend the meeting in the Biederwolf Tabernacle on to-morrow evening.

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Amos B. Loomer, the Vice-President of the Society.

The meeting of the Triangle Club will be held in the Methodist Church on next Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The election of officers will take place. Principal N. C. Hamblin of the Punchard High School will address the young men. A cordial invitation is extended to the men of the village to attend.

Everything is in readiness for the B. A. A. Minstrel Show in Bradlee Hall this evening. Many out of town people will be present. The program is the most varied and best ever arranged for any entertainment in this vicinity.

Ladies' Aid Night

The Congregational Ladies' Aid Society had charge of the midweek service last Thursday evening. There was a good attendance and Mrs. J. H. Smith, the president of the Society, presided. After partaking of a bounteous supper, all enjoyed a social hour, which followed. After singing a number of the Billy Sunday hymns, Miss Elinor M. Clifford of Lowell sang a solo in a very pleasing manner. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Fuller gave an interesting and instructive address on St. Patrick. The service was a complete success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Obituary

MRS. MARY F. MOODY

Mrs. Mary F. Moody, wife of Edwin Moody, died very suddenly Wednesday morning at 7.30 o'clock at the age of thirty-nine years, four months, and seven days. The deceased was born in Lewiston, Me., but for the past twenty years has been a resident of Ballardvale. Besides her husband, she leaves four sons and seven daughters and four brothers. The funeral will be held at her home on Oak street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It will be private and will be conducted by Rev. Charles E. McColley of Lawrence. Interment in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Saves Eggs

Royal Baking Powder makes it possible to produce appetizing and wholesome cakes, muffins, cornbread, etc., with fewer eggs than are usually required.

In many recipes the number of eggs may be reduced and excellent results obtained by adding an additional quantity of Royal Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, for each egg omitted. The following tested recipe is a practical illustration:

SPONGE CAKE

1 cup sugar
½ cup water
3 eggs
2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup cold water
1 teaspoon flavoring

DIRECTIONS:—Boil sugar and water until syrup spins a thread, and add to the stiffly beaten whites of eggs, beating until the mixture is cold. Sift together three times the flour, salt and baking powder; beat yolks of eggs until thick; add a little at a time flour mixture and egg-yolks alternately to white of egg mixture, stirring after each addition. Add ½ cup cold water and flavoring. Mix lightly and bake in moderate oven one hour

The old method called for 6 eggs and no baking powder

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NATIONAL DEFENSE

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that will bring the United States into this great war. The president has made rulings and now the country is actively getting into shape, something should be done years ago, which brings up the question of universal military training.

Those who talk in favor of military training are not in favor of war, Judge Bruce said, but are more intense peace men than the pacifists. History proves that a nation prepared and ready to meet everything is seldom attacked. The nation which makes no preparation invites disaster particularly if it be rich and looked upon as a prize worth having by the nation equally powerful, but prepared. The cry is for a large navy, but except a navy is on a war footing every hour of every day of every year it is no better than a collection of ships. If there is to be a powerful navy there should also be an efficient army to go hand in hand with it, neither for war, but for defense against aggression by any foreign power.

Judge Bruce said that wars in his opinion, were necessary and that every nation has been born out of the womb of war, our own included, and further that the United States had been engaged in a war in every single generation during its history. Every nation is destined to die. He did not believe that "righteousness saveth a nation" but that its life depended upon its power of resistance to aggressors. Man to-day is just as much a savage as he was in the days when he wore leopard skins. He may wear a dress-suit and have a little more polish, but the old savage spirit slumbers and periodically awakens into war. He likened wars to the pruning by nature of the woods, but whereas, the former is a yearly happening, the human pruning occurs about every fifty years.

The question is asked then, if this pruning is to be done, why prepare for war at all? Judge Bruce said if there is pruning to be done, "Let's prune the other fellow, and we keep us to ourselves." And to be able to prune we must be prepared. History shows that it is the beginning of the end of any country which having once attained a world standing, lets down in its military training. Rome was a notable example. With her legions in camp, Rome became mistress of the world. Gradually training was given over to luxury and ease and Rome became a prey to the stronger nation because she could not protect herself.

Judge Bruce declared that the United States was a great and glorious country and was sufficient unto itself because it was self-supporting. It has had no need for aggressive wars but does not want any envious eyes cast upon it, nor should it be in such a state of unpreparedness that would place it in a position to be a prize for any foreign nation. For a generation or more, no hing has been done to put it in that state of preparedness which would prove a warning to any covetous nation, which thought itself powerful enough and efficient enough to come and take us. Nations go from peace to war over night. In this great nation are eighteen millions of men capable of bearing arms and the resources are practically inexhaustible, yet nothing has been done to put these and these resources into a state of preparedness—not for war, but for protection against aggression.

He said the great trouble here was the individual prejudices were so strong that men did not want facts, and when they did have them thrust upon them, got peevish. England was a country of prejudices and when Lloyd George told them the truth, at first balked, but have since learned their lesson. And America must learn hers too. Men listened to Lloyd George because he was a leader and had a message. To-day there is no man in America a leader like Mr. George. There are some a little ways ahead of the crowd, but they are listening to hear what the crowds say. The average individual does not care to be troubled with facts. In the minds of many men there was only a slight difference between a million men as men, and a million men as soldiers. But there was a vast difference; it was a mob on the one hand as against discipline—that which makes men obey orders without question—on the other. It took time to bring men to the latter state and could not be done in a month as some Plattsburg enthusiasts thought. It was nota question of mentality for the average mind could grasp in a few months all the mechanism of a gun, and learn the orders and marches and counter commands. But the mind was carried by the body and it takes the body a long time to be thoroughly trained and made physically fit.

He declared himself as opposed to military training in the schools because it was regarded more as a pastime while it was in reality a serious business. He criticized the present meagre physical training given the children in the schools and said that for any physical training to be effective it should be a part of the daily curriculum. With boys and girls physically fit at nineteen, the age proposed for military training, the government would then take them over, the boys for the army and the girls for Red Cross work and hospital work. The plan he advocated called for three periods of ten years each for training. The first period of three years in the regular army would be followed by seven years as the second defense, to be called from their everyday duties when necessary and undergo a certain amount of training. There would be between one and two million men in the regular army and also in the first reserve or second defense. The second and third periods would call for mobilizing and maneouvres at certain times of the year and each man would have a complete equipment ready for him at all times.

Judge Bruce believed that there would always be wars as long as the world lasted. The history of the race had been one continuous fight and he closed his address by quoting from the Bible, Numbers 1: 2, 3, 46. "Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the conguation of the children of Isreal * * * from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel * * * they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty." Judge Bruce said this was the first instance of compulsory universal military training on record.

The address was listened to with marked attention and for more than an hour Judge Bruce answered many pertinent questions in a practical way and at times illustrated his point with humerous anecdotes.

Obituary

WYMAN B. HUSSEY

Wyman B. Hussey, for the past year a resident of Lakeport, N. H., passed away on Friday night at the residence of Frank W. Vittum, 638 Union avenue, at the age of seventy-four years, after an illness of several months of Brights disease. The deceased was a native of this town. He married Miss Nellie Vittum, and when failing health compelled him to give up active work, he went to Lakeport to make his home, taking a tenement in the Banfill house on Gold street. Mr. Hussey had gradually failed in health, and about two months ago, came to Mr. Vittum's, where death occurred, and where Mrs. Hussey is still very ill. The deceased was a prominent Grand Army man, having served in the First Massachusetts heavy artillery, and was a member of the G. A. R. Post of this town. He was also a member of the Knights of Malta of Lowell. He is survived by his wife and a nephew and niece. The funeral services occurred at the place of death on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. W. Frye of the Trinity M. E. church. Mrs. Wesley Maloon rendered two solos, and the bearers, who were Grand Army men, were W. O. White, Charles Edgerly, Henry McMurphy and John Clement. The body was placed in the tomb at Bayside cemetery.

Minstrel Show Tickets

On next Tuesday evening the reserved seat checks for the Andover Club Minstrel show will be given out at the Club rooms in the Musgrove building. The plan as originated by the committee is expected to be convenient and agreeable to the large number of advance check holders.

The door to the Club rooms will be open at 6.30 and as each ticket holder enters he will be given a numbered card arranged in numetrical order After receiving this card the privileges of the club rooms may be enjoyed, or the holder can leave the building if he so desires. At five minutes before eight a line will be formed in the rooms, the holders of the numbered tickets falling in in order. Promptly at eight o'clock the reserved seat tickets will be given out. Only four reserved seat checks will be given to a person at one time.

If the holder of the numbered card is absent when the line is formed, his place will be taken by the next succeeding number and he must drop to the end.

Natural History Meeting

The Andover Natural History Society will hold its next meeting Tuesday, March 27, in the Punchard hall. Walter K. Putney, superintendent of schools in Ashland, wil give an illustrated lecture on "Bird Life" (eggs, nests, young, and adult birds). He will also speak on bird protection, through legends and folk lore tales, curious bird beliefs and by the aid of charts show the value of our birds and why they should be protected. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents.

Farmers' Institute

A Farmer's Institute will be held at the Essex County Agricultural School, Hathorne, next Wednesday, with continuous program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. George N. Putnam of Contocook, N. H., will speak on "Results of Ten Years of Herd Development." There will be fifteen other speakers and lecturers. Lunch will be served by the Danvers Grange.

BRADLEE COURSE CONCERT

The course of entertainments closed in Bradlee Hall last Wednesday evening with a grand concert by the Columbian orchestra of Lawrence, assisted by Miss Ethel M. Batting, entertainer. All parts of the excellent program were well rendered. The instrumental solos and the selections by the orchestra were unusually good and the readings and impersonations by Miss Batting were received with round upon round of applause. It was without doubt the best entertainment in the course. The program follows:

Overture—Peter Schmoll	*Weber*
Medley of Remick's Hits	*Lampe*
"At the Musical"	*Original*
Miss Batting	
Characteristic Suite *a* Hawaiian Patrol	*Stewart*
b In Darkest Africa	*Sousa*
Solo for Trombone—The Sunshine of Your Smile	*Ray*
Mr. Widdop	
"Entertaining a Caller"	*Pepe*
Miss Batting	
String Orchestra *a* Entr' acte Gavotte	*Gillet*
b Serenade of the Mandolins	*Desormes*
Descriptive—A Hunt in the Black Forest	*Voelker*
"What He Told His Wife"	*Arranged*
Miss Batting	
Selection—Katinka	*Friml*
Popular Airs	*Taylor*

WOMEN PREPARE

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of Beverly, president of the Essex County Corps presided, and regular routine business was transacted, Mrs. B. M. Allen presided at the piano during the morning session.

At 12.45 an adjournment was made and a bountiful and appetizing dinner was served in Pilgrim hall and nearly two hundred partook of the following excellent menu: baked beans, shrimp and salmon salads, pickles, rolls, geletine pudding, pies of all kinds and coffee. There was an abundance of everything and the visiting department officers complimented the local corps on the dinner and the manner in which it was served. The waitresses were Mrs. Charles S. Buchan, senior vice-president of the Essex County Corps, and Mrs. Joseph Nuckley, at the officers' table; and Mrs. Walter Buxton, Miss Grace Higgins, Mrs. Rebecca MacCollum, Mrs. Elmer Philbrick, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs William L. Frye. Mrs. Thomas Platt and Mrs. James Walker were in the kitchen and Mrs. George W. Mears and Mrs. Sarah MacCreadie had charge of the supply room.

Following a short social hour the convention was again called to order at 2 p.m. and reports from the Essex County Corps were read; Mrs. Haynes telling of the important part the Women's Relief Corps were expected to play in the G. A. R. encampment to be held in Boston and also gave a very interesting account of the relief work done at headquarters. Other speakers were Mrs. Florence Parker, Mrs. Pickett and Mrs. Duffee, who told of the improvements at headquarters.

The last hour of the convention was given up to an entertainment in charge of Mrs. Frank S. Valentine, chairman of the committee, the program consisting of readings and piano solos, and was as follows:

"Star-Spangled Banner	Audience
Recitation—The American Flag	George Platt
Piano Solo	Miss Emily Walker
Recitation—The Whistling Regiment	Mrs. Hubert Mayo
Piano Solo	Miss Walker
Recitation—Apple Jack	Comrade Joseph T. Lovejoy, Post 99
Remarks	Comrades Russell and Casey
Recitation—The Family Plate	Mrs. Hubert Mayo
Piano Solo—Medley of Patriotic Airs	Miss Walker

The convention, which was one of the best attended and most successful ever held, closed with the singing of "America." The members of the local corps received many congratulations from the visitors and Mrs. Frank S. Valentine, the president, and Mrs. Charles S. Buchan who had charge of the arrangements, also were complimented for the successful affair.

Indoor Shooting Match

The first shooting matches ever held between teams from the Citizen's Rifle Club and the Andover Rifle Club of Phillips Academy resulted a victory for each, the first, Citizen's team, and the second, Andover's, being the victors. The matches were shot on the Pearson Hall rifle range and some good scores were made. Kenneth C. Foster of the Citizens second team was high man and scored 95 out of a possible 100. Dodge led for the first team with 93 and Billington and Dove also hit the target with good results. MacMillan, Crosby, Hart and Cheney did the best shooting for the students' teams.

The first teams were very evenly matched and only one point separated them at the finish, the Citizens scoring 445 to Andover's 444. The second Andover team won easily by 47 points and scored the highest total, 451. The citizen's were handicapped by lack of practice and also in not being able to use some of their best shots.

The summary:—

FIRST TEAMS

A. C. R. C.		A. R. C.	
Bradford	86	MacMillan	94
Billington	92	Bennett	89
Dove	90	Hart	93
Dodge	93	Stubbs	83
Eastman	84	Beer	85
	445		444

SECOND TEAMS

A. R. C.		A. C. R. C.	
Cheney	92	W. H. Foster	87
McChesney	89	K. C. Foster	95
Crosby	94	R.H.Lindsay	83
Ferguson	88	Michelsen	75
Olmstead	88	Brown	64
	451		404

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Charlotte Busfield late of Andover, in said County, single-woman, deceased:

WHEREAS, John C. Angus, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County, on the second day of April A.D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., *Register.*

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St. Peter: That's natural, since everybody's got so used to those auto horns and factory whistles.

Mortgagee's Sale

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by Eleanor Earley and Edgar M. Earley, husband and wife, to Mary A. Rice dated May 23, 1916, recorded with North Essex Deeds Book 365, Page 568, and duly assigned to George M. Austin by an assignment dated January 15, 1917, and recorded with North Essex Deeds, will be sold at public auction upon the premises described in said mortgage deed and hereinafter described on Saturday the 17th day of March 1917, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same all and singular, the premises described in and conveyed by said mortgage deed, to wit:—A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and comprising Lots No. 23 and No. 30 as shown on a "Plan of Lots situated in Andover, Mass., belonging to Eleanor & E. M. Earley, and dated May 1915, drawn by Clarence E. Carter, C. E.", and recorded with North District of Essex Registry of Deeds, Plan Book No. 4, No. 200, said lots being adjoining and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:— Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the granted premises at a point in the westerly line of a proposed street thirty (30) feet wide, as is shown on said plan, which point is Three Hundred Eighteen and Twenty-one One-Hundredths (318.21) feet distant Northerly from a point which is the intersection of said Westerly line of said proposed street with the Northerly line of land now or formerly owned by the Boston & Northern Railway Company, thence the bound line runs Southwesterly by lot No. 24 as is shown on said plan One Hundred Thirty-two and Fifty-eight One-Hundredths (132.58) feet to a point; thence the line runs in Northwesterly course by lot No. 29, as is shown on said plan, One Hundred Eighty-seven and Sixty One-Hundredths (187.60) feet to a point in the Easterly line of another street, as is shown on said plan, which point in the Southwesterly corner of the granted premises; thence the line runs Northerly by said latter named street, Fifty (50) feet to a point and lot No. 31, as is shown on said plan; thence the line turns and runs in Southeasterly course by said Lot No. 31, One Hundred Sixty-seven and Twenty-seven One-Hundredths (167.27) feet to a point; thence running Easterly by Lot No. 22, as is shown on said plan, One Hundred Thirty-three and Ninety-four One-Hundredths (133.94) feet to another point in the said Westerly line of the first mentioned proposed street; thence turning and running Southerly by said first mentioned proposed street, Fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning; all measurements and directions being more or less and said tract containing, according to said plan, Fifteen Thousand Fifty-four (15,054) square feet of land, more or less.

The premises will be sold subject to the unpaid taxes or any municipal lien thereon.

TERMS OF SALE:—The purchaser will be required to pay one hundred dollars at the time and place of sale, the balance of the purchase money to be paid within ten days thereafter.

GEORGE M. AUSTIN,
Assignee of the Mortgagee.

LUKE J. DEVANEY, *Auctioneer.*
PERLEY D. & B. E. SMITH, *Attorneys.*

No. 1129.
Report of the Condition
OF THE
ANDOVER NATIONAL BANK

At Andover, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, on March 5, 1917.

Resources

Loans and discounts		$678,812.29
Overdrafts, unsecured		434.05
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	50,000.00	
U. S. bonds to secure U. S deposits (par value)	5,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds		55,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	3,000.00	
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	126,358.07	
Total bonds, securities, etc.		129,358.07
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank		4,500.00
Value of Banking House		25,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents		119,622.66
Outside checks and other cash items	3,273.29	
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	712.92	3,986.21
Notes of other national Banks		1,000.00
Federal Reserve notes		400.00
Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank		81,982.77
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		2,500.00
Total		$1,102,596.05

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in		$125,000.00
Surplus fund		25,000.00
Undivided profits	99,962.55	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	12,553.49	87,409.06
Circulating notes outstanding		49,200.00
Due to banks and bankers		25,288.17
Demand deposits:		
Individual deposits subject to check		610,063.84
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days		11,204.00
Certified checks		38.49
Cashier's checks outstanding		12.77
United States deposits		3,303.33
Postal savings deposits		931.08
Total demand deposits	625,553.51	
Time Deposits:		
Other time deposits		165,145.31
Total time deposits	165,145.31	
TOTAL		$1,102,596.05

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, County of Essex, ss:

I, Chester W. Holland, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHESTER W. HOLLAND, *Cashier.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1917.

FREDERIC G. MOORE, *Notary Public.*

Correct—Attest:

JAMES C. SAWYER
FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL
BURTON S. FLAGG
Directors

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE WORK—Wanted, a young girl to work in the office of a retail store. A fair knowledge of stenography and typewriting required. Write, stating age, experience, wages expected and other proper information, care of Townsman.

TO LET—Furnished and Heated Room. Apply at 20 High Street, Andover.

TO LET—A large, sunny, newly furnished room with sewing room or boudoir, adjoining bath-room; steam heated; southern and western exposure. Also a large front room; with board. THE CHESTNUT BURR, 9 Chestnut Street, Andover.

SPRAY YOUR TREES—Now is the time to kill scale and fungus on fruit trees. We use the famous Arlington X L power sprayer. ABBOTT FARM, Upland Road.

FOR SALE—A limited quantity of Eggs for Setting from pure bred single comb Rhode Island Red hens; good winter layers and good color. All our poultry tested by Massachusetts Agricultural College as free from bacterially white diarrhoea.
TWIN CEDAR FARM, Tel. 142 M.

WORK WANTED—Boy of sixteen wants work after school and on Saturdays. Address "H", Townsman Office.

FURNISHED SUITE FOR RENT— In attractive steam-heated house, four minutes' walk from electrics. Address, C. E. M., Townsman Office.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Benjamin Franklin Smith, sometimes known as B. Frank Smith, late of Andover, in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Ella S. Smith and Stuart J. Smith who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bonds,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Newburyport in said County of Essex, on the twenty-sixth day of March A.D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., *Register.*

Registration Notice

The Registrars of Voters of the Town of Andover will be in session on the following date for the purpose of giving persons entitled to vote, but whose names are not already on the Voting Lists, an opportunity to register before the coming Constitutional Primary, April 3, 1917.

At Town House

On Wednesday, March 28, from 7.30 to 9.30 P.M.

After ten o'clock in the evening of the last day fixed for registration they will not, until after the next election add names to the registers except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding thirty-first day of March and the close of registration.

Persons of foreign birth will be required to produce their naturalization papers

CHARLES W. CLARK
JOHN F. HURLEY
PATRICK J. SCOTT
GEORGE A. HIGGINS
Registrars of Voters

Andover, March 15, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth J. Holt late of Andover, in said County, widow, deceased:

WHEREAS, Harry M. Eames the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lawrence in said County, on the ninth day of April A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., *Register.*